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NAVY ESTIMATES

"FIRST LORD'S" STATEMENT

3 NEW CRUISERS

Retrenchment And Disarmament

ONE "SEA LORD" MAY BE DROPPED

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in introducing the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons, said that in the coming financial year three new cruisers would be laid down. The design of one of them had not yet been settled but the other two would be smaller with six inch guns in order to replace some of the smaller cruisers which were becoming obsolete and because, for strategic reasons, we wanted some new cruisers of that size to replace those which would be scrapped in the near future.

Referring to disarmament he said that we had done more than any other country. We had scrapped, since the Armistice, over 2,160,000 tons of armed ships and cancelled orders for a further 814,000 tons.

Mr. Bridgeman added that 1,650,000 tons of the total had been scrapped before the Washington Conference or more than we had got now.

Mr. Bridgeman also emphasised that we had no intention of engaging in a ship-building competition with America, and as to retrenchment at the Admiralty, the experiment might be made, at the next vacancy, to have one less Sea Lord on the Board in future.

LABOUR MOTION DEFEATED

Mr. Bridgeman said that the fact that we were beginning construction with six-inch guns instead of eight-inch guns, which had been prescribed for cruisers and had been dropped out of the 1927-28 programme, showed clearly that we were not trying to go one better than the United States. Indeed, Mr. Baldwin had already affirmed that we were not going to engage in shipbuilding competition with America, regarding which there had been much loose talk which had not been borne out by any policy he had to carry out since he had been at the Admiralty.

"The peace of the world would not be endangered because one, two or more peace-loving nations have strong navies, as long as they were not animated by ambition for territory or lust of conquest and nobody can say that either of us are." He added that we were prepared to consider disarmament proposals, amendments of proposals already made, or new proposals perhaps not yet discovered.

A Comparison

Mr. Bridgeman said that comparing like with like the present Naval Estimates were \$2,500,000 below those of 1914 while considering the difference of the monetary values they were spending £27,500,000 below pre-war times.

It was impossible to reduce the headquarters staff in proportion with the reduction of the fleet but reductions were being made, and at the next vacancy the experiment would be made of having one less Sea Lord on the Board of the Admiralty.

Fuel Research

They were carrying out fuel research to ascertain whether coal could be more freely used or whether oil could be extracted from coal for utilisation in the Navy.

Mr. Bridgeman concluded by ob-

serving that while provision for new construction and replacement had cost \$45,000,000 in five years, taxpayers this year were really being asked for \$1,500,000 less than the year preceding the present administration.

Estimates Adopted

The House of Commons adopted the Navy Estimates, after rejecting by 145 votes to 89, a Labour motion urging the Government to adopt a more determined policy to secure an international agreement for an all-round reduction in naval armaments.

Mr. Bridgeman, replying, said the motion seemed very unobjectionable but was quite unnecessary because the Government had done everything possible in the direction desired. Referring to the tone of the Labour criticism, he said that if the Government were unable to find a formula they should not be blamed by those who disagreed with them.—Reuter.

R.A.F. BOATS

THREE MAKE SPLENDID TRIP TO BAGDAD

100 M. P. H. AVERAGE

London, Yesterday. The three of the Royal Air Force Southampton flying boats, which left England recently for Basra Air Base, arrived at Bagdad yesterday from Alexandria after seven and a half hours' flight, an average of over 100 miles per hour. They alighted on the Tigris and will proceed to Basra to-day.—British Wireless Service.

HIS MAJESTY

HAS ANOTHER CALL FROM PRINCESS ELIZABETH

COLD EAST WIND

London, Yesterday. Another dull day with a cold east wind prevented the King, who had passed a good night, from going out of doors to-day. His granddaughter, Princess Elizabeth, who is staying for a few days at Craigwell House, visited him again in his room this morning.—British Wireless Service.

YOKOHAMA STRIKE

5,000 DOCK WORKERS WANT BETTER TREATMENT

ALSO WAGE INCREASE

Tokyo, Yesterday. Five thousand dock workers at the Yokohama dockyard have struck for a wage increase and better treatment.—Reuter.

Mrs. Gladys Cooper's production of Mr. W. Somerset Maugham's new play, "The Sacred Flame," took place at the Playhouse.

EXCITING CRICKET AT MELBOURNE

WICKET VERY FAST!

OLDFIELD & HORNIBROOK IN SURPRISE STAND

235 TO WIN: ONE MAN OUT

The city of Melbourne was in a ferment of excitement this morning, states Reuter, when the Fifth Test Match resumed, it being the seventh day of the epic struggle.

Oldfield (the wicket-keeper, whose average for the first four Tests is only 17.5) and Hornibrook (capped the first time against England, principally for his bowling) caused surprise by defying the wiles of White, Larwood, Tate and Geary—with Hammond and Leyland as reinforcements—for almost the whole of the 90 minutes.

Hammond Gets a Scalp

Scoring was slow. When the lunch interval was taken Australia needed 235 runs more to get for victory, and still had nine wickets in hand.

When Australia's 2nd innings began yesterday, she required 286 runs to prevent England walking off with the whole series of Tests. Seven were obtained last evening without loss. Forty-four more were gained this morning, and it was left to Hammond, one of the change bowlers, to effect a separation just before lunch.

Slow Scoring

Oldfield monopolised the bowling as he appeared to do yesterday, adding 25 to his overnight score and is still not out. Hornibrook got 17, making his total 18.

Of the wicket—which may yet prove the deciding factor in this moment of suspense—Reuter only says: "Very fast."

There were 12,000 people present this morning, much more than on the opening of previous days in the game.

In the 90 minutes before lunch, Australia put on only 44 runs, less than a run per two minutes. Restrained tactics paid, evidently the lunch scores being:

ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS	
J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w., b. Ryder	142
D. R. Jardine, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	19
W. R. Hammond, c. Fairfax, b. Wall	38
E. Tyldesley, c. Hornibrook, b. Ryder	31
G. Duckworth, c. Fairfax, b. Hornibrook	12
E. Hendren, c. Hornibrook, b. Fairfax	95
M. Leyland, c. Fairfax, b. Oakesham	137
H. Larwood, b. Wall	4
G. Geary, b. Hornibrook	4
M. W. Tate, c. substitute, b. Hornibrook	15
J. C. White, not out	9
Extras	18

Total	
Fall of wickets: 1 for 64 runs (Jardine), 2 for 146 (Hammond), 3 for 235 (Hobbs), 4 for 240 (Tyldesley), 5 for 260 (Duckworth), 6 for 401 (Hendren), 7 for 409 (Larwood), 8 for 428 (Geary), 9 for 470 (Tate), 10 for 519 (Leyland).	519

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
W. R. Hammond, b. Wall	49
Hornibrook	48
Oakesham	45.1
Grimmett	25
Fairfax	27
Ryder	18
Kippax	3

AUSTRALIA—1ST INNINGS	
W. M. Woodfull, c. Geary, b. Larwood	102
A. Jackson, run out	30
A. F. Kippax, c. Duckworth, b. White	38
J. S. Ryder, c. Tate, b. Hammond	30
D. Bradman, c. Tate, b. Geary	123
A. Fairfax, l.b.w., b. Geary	65
R. M. Oakesham, c. Duckworth, b. Geary	7
C. V. A. Oldfield, c. b. Geary	6
C. W. Grimmett, not out	38
T. Wall, c. Duckworth, b. Geary	9
P. M. Hornibrook, l.b.w., b. White	26
Extras	17

Total	
Fall of wickets: 1 for 44 runs (Jackson), 2 for 148 (Kippax), 3 for 203 (Ryder), 4 for 208 (Woodfull), 5 for 386 (Bradman), 6 for 389 (Fairfax), 7 for 409 (Oldfield), 8 for 420 (Oakesham), 9 for 432 (Wall), 10 for 449 (Hornibrook).	449

WHAT GERMANY NEEDS

MKS. 500,000,000

"SITUATION SERIOUS" BUT NO QUESTION OF INFLATION

"TEMPORARY LACK OF CASH"

Berlin, Yesterday. Herr Hitler, in introducing the Budget into the Reichstag, said the Reich needed 500,000,000 Marks in cash for urgent expenditure, and that this must be raised by Short-Term Loans.

Although the situation was undoubtedly serious, it was absurd to talk of another inflation period, for it was not a question of the Reich's indebtedness but merely a temporary lack of cash.

Herr Hitler said the Budget would be more influenced by the Reparations burden than in previous years.—Reuter.

LOOPING AT 300 M.P.H.

FOOLHARDY ACTION IN A RACING SEAPLANE

TRAINING FOR SCHNEIDER CUP

London, Yesterday. Flying Officer Atherley, a member of the Royal Air Force high speed section, training for the Schneider Trophy Race, has looped the loop in one of the racing seaplanes while travelling at a speed of 300 miles an hour.—Reuter.

THE KUOMINTANG

THIRD NATIONAL CONGRESS PROCEDURE

Nanking, Yesterday. Everything is ready for the opening of the Kuomintang congress at 10 a.m. on March 15 in the auditorium of the Central Military Academy.

More than 200 delegates had registered late this afternoon. Thus a quorum is assured.

A meeting of the Central Executive Committee this morning elected a Committee of nine:—Tan Yankai, Chiang Kai-shek, Hu Han-min, Yu Yuen-fan, Sun Fo, Chen Kuo-fu, Kuo Ying-fan, Chang Ching-kiang and Wu Ting-hung—to examine the delegates' credentials.

Hu Han-min has been appointed temporary chairman of the Congress.

Unusual precautionary measures are being taken to prevent communists and reactionaries creating disturbances. Heavy squads of soldiers and police lined the streets to-day, stopping vehicles and thoroughly searching people.—Reuter.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	14	7	83	1
Tate	62	28	108	0
Geary	31	35	105	6
White	16	22	136	2
Hammond	16	8	31	1
Leyland	3	0	11	0

ENGLAND—2ND INNINGS	
J. B. Hobbs, c. Fairfax, b. Grimmett	65
D. R. Jardine, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	0
H. Larwood, b. Wall	11
W. R. Hammond, c. Ryder, b. Fairfax	16
E. Tyldesley, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	21
E. Hendren, b. Grimmett	1
M. Leyland, not out	58
M. W. Tate, c. Fairfax, b. Hornibrook	54
G. Geary, b. Wall	8
J. C. White, c. Oakesham, b. Wall	4
G. Duckworth, l.b.w., b. Oakesham	9
Extras	20

Total	
Fall of wickets: 1 for 1 run (Jardine), 2 for 19 (Larwood), 3 for 75 (Hammond), 4 for 119 (Hobbs), 5 for 123 (Hendren), 6 for 131 (Leyland), 7 for 212 (Tate), 8 for 217 (Geary), 9 for 231 (White), 10 for 237 (Duckworth).	237

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WEST POINT MURDER

ASSISTANT'S DISCOVERY AFTER ROBBERY

GAGGED AND BOUND

Murder attended a robbery which occurred in West Point in the early hours of this morning.

The story of the crime was related by Ho Ping Kee, No. 61, First-street, ground floor.

According to this man the robbery occurred just before 1 o'clock. He was asleep in a cubicle in the rear of the shop when he was awakened by his hands and feet being bound together. He saw two men by the bed side. He was gagged by one of the two men who thrust a piece of wood into his mouth. He was then forced back on the bed and a quilt thrown over his head.

For ten minutes he heard the intruders moving about, and then everything was silent. After about five minutes, Li Chat managed to free himself and remove the gag. He then went to see how his master (Ho Ping) who slept in the front

THE HOTEL FIRE

Remarkable pictures of the tragic King Edward Hotel fire will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail" in the pioneer art supplement of the Colony.

There will also be the usual Saturday features, news, special articles, etc. Do not forget your copy.

Another of Stan Hill's brilliant cartoons, full of appeal, will be published in to-morrow's issue.

The "Herald," on Sunday, will also contain pictures of the Hotel fire—different from those appearing in the "Mail."

A Home mail via Siberia leaves on Monday. To get a complete set, order the "Mail" and "Herald" in good time.

of the shop, had fared at the hands of the robbers.

He found that Ho Ping had been also bound and gagged and was lying motionless on his bed. He shook him and then discovered that he was dead, having apparently been suffocated by the wooden gag being thrust too far down his mouth.

Li Chat then took a quick look around the front of the shop before going to the Police. He found that Ho Ping had been relieved of his keys, with which the robbers had opened the safe. This had the appearance of having been rifled, but Li Chat could not say what had been stolen because he had no knowledge of the contents of the safe.

Li Chat, who told the Police that the two robbers whom he saw were not armed, is unable to identify either of them as it was dark at the time. However, he has communicated to the Police certain suspicions.

The body of Ho Ping was removed to the mortuary. Detective-Inspector Lane, of the "Murder Squad" of the Criminal Investigation Department, has taken charge of the investigations.

Up to the time of going to press no arrest had been made.

LEFT \$5,200 HERE

MAN WHO DIED LAST YEAR AT MONTE CARLO

\$10,000 IN GREAT BRITAIN

Having died at Monte Carlo on March 8, 1928, Mr. William John MacGeagh MacCaw, of No. 103, Eaton-square, Westminster, and Rookwood Park, Godstone, Surrey, left \$5,200 in Hong Kong.

Re-sealing of probate of the will and codicil has been granted by the Supreme Court to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Sherrin, of Messrs. Descoms, solicitors, the attorney for Mr. V. H. MacCaw, of Calcutta, one of the testator's sons and ex-exors.

The late Mr. MacCaw left \$10,122-12-0 net personality in Great Britain. The bequests are mostly to members of the family.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR
The closing rate of the dollar on London to-day was 1/11 15/16.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF TELEGRAPH CO'S.

J. C. DENISON PENDER

SON SUCCEEDS FATHER IN IMPORTANT POST

NEW CHAIRMAN'S CAREER

London, Yesterday. Mr. John Denison Pender, who succeeded his father in the Chairmanship of the Eastern Telegraph and Associated Companies.—Reuter.

[Mr. J. C. Denison Pender, who was born in 1882, is the elder son of Sir John Denison Pender, who died recently. The new Chairman was a Member of Parliament for the Bath and Tooting Division of Wandsworth since 1918-19. He was also a member of the London County Council from 1910-19. After having been educated at Eton, he entered the service of the Eastern Telegraph Co., and passed through its numerous branches, including important cable-laying operations. Until recently he was Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of the Eastern Telegraph Co., Eastern and S. African Telegraph Co., W. African Telegraph Co., Vice-Chairman of Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Western Telegraph Co., Globe Telegraph and Trust Co., Ltd., Director Spanish Telegraph Co., Ltd., River Plate Telegraph Co., Ltd., London Platino-Brazilian Telegraph Co., Ltd., and Northern Assurance Co., served in the European War, France and Belgium, Sept. 1914-July 1917, then W.O. to end of war; temp. Capt. Jan. 1916.]

MACAO'S GOVERNOR

LEAVING FOR PORTUGAL IN APRIL

AN APPRECIATION

Canton, March 14. Your correspondent is informed officially that Senhor Arthur Tamsgriff de Sousa Barbosa, the Governor of Macao, is leaving the Portuguese Colony about April 7 for Lisbon on leave, accompanied by Senhora Barbosa and their daughter. Senhor Barbosa expects to be away from Macao for six months. While his visit to the homeland is chiefly in the nature of a well-earned rest, it is generally believed that His Excellency will not fail to avail himself of the opportunity to discuss Portuguese problems in the Far East.

It is hardly necessary to state that Senhor Barbosa has consistently worked for the interests of Macao, and that under his tenure of office the Portuguese Colony has shown progress in various directions. As a matter of fact, Senhor Barbosa is no new Far Eastern hand, and had also served previously as Governor of Macao. When Senhor Fernando Augusto Vieira de Matos assumed temporary office on December 21, 1917, pending the official appointment of a new Governor, the Lisbon Government eventually appointed Senhor Barbosa, who assumed his post on October 12, 1918, having been chosen from amongst the officials of the Ministry for the Colonies. On that occasion, Senhor Barbosa served for a few months and was recalled home, his place being taken by Senhor Joaquim Augusto dos Santos. Then followed four or five other Governors, and eventually Senhor Barbosa was reappointed.

Relations With Canton

There has hardly ever been a more popular Governor at Macao than His Excellency who has always shown keen anxiety for the welfare and prosperity of the Colony and its people. Under his regime the Chinese at Macao have had the satisfaction of seeing the relations between Macao and Canton improving from period to period.

Like Sir Cecil Clementi, Senhor Barbosa has always shown sympathy for the Chinese people in their national aspirations and His Excellency has been heard to remark on more than one occasion that there is nothing surprising about the Chinese seriously endeavoring to set their house in order and to fill an important position amongst the leading nations.

Like Sir Cecil Clementi, too, His Excellency has always insisted that the best manner to improve Sino-foreign relations is for the foreigners and Chinese to mingle with each other, exchanging ideas and offering suggestions to one another. His Excellency is known to have great admiration for the manner in which the province of Kwangtung has progressed, being convinced that Canton, Hong Kong and Macao are three sister cities, and he has been heard to say that the Sino-foreign relations should be improved by the Sino-foreigners mingling with each other, exchanging ideas and offering suggestions to one another. His Excellency is known to have great admiration for the manner in which the province of Kwangtung has progressed, being convinced that Canton, Hong Kong and Macao are three sister cities, and he has been heard to say that the Sino-foreign relations should be improved by the Sino-foreigners mingling with each other, exchanging ideas and offering suggestions to one another.

POLITICAL VICTORY FOR NANKING

"FACE SAVING" NOW

TENSION EASING AT HANKOW: WAR CLOUDS PASS

3 KWANGSI MEN DISMISSED

Hankow, Yesterday. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government at Nanking, has sent a conciliatory telegram to General Hu Tsung-tu (Defence Commissioner of Hankow and chairman of the Hupoh Provincial Council), General Chang Hau-tu (Chief of Staff to General Li Tsung-jen, commander-in-chief of the 4th Nationalist Army Group) and Chang Chi-pen. (Note: The three recipients were held to have been responsible for authorising the ejection of the Governor of Hunan, contrary to the desires of the National Government.)

Press Ganga Case Work

Chiang Kai-shek says in his telegram that since the branch Political Councils are being abolished, the dismissal of the three recipients of the telegram from membership of the Wu-Han branch Political Council is merely nominal.

Thus, Chiang Kai-shek has "saved the faces" of three leaders in the Kwangsi group in power at Hankow, which group was stated to be in danger of being attacked by the Nanking army; and he has also saved the "face" of the National Government.

Tension here is easing, and press gangs (to commandeer coolies for military transport duties) have ceased their activities.—Reuter.

Will Enforced

In other words, the National Government has won a signal political victory. The Kwangsi party has had to regret action contrary to Nanking's wishes and make reparations. The National Government has shown that its will can be enforced in the provinces and has taken the opportunity to abolish the branches of the Political Council, which latter have been a serious obstacle in the way of centralisation of authority.

Nanking has gained politically and Kwangsi has suffered, but the military position is practically unchanged.

DISTRESSED MINERS

PRAISE FOR THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND

STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS

London, Yesterday. Lord Eustace Percy, in the House of Commons last night, stated that as a result of the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of distress in the mining districts, anxiety in all areas as to the proper feeding and clothing of children and nursing mothers were now properly provided for and mental depression had been tackled by constructive measures, such as cultivation of allotments or a grant of assistance to facilitate removal.

While noting a remarkable improvement in the trade of the distressed areas, he stated that even the greatest possible revival would leave a large population surplus to the requirements of their old industry near their old homes. In this lay the special justification of the fund. The main purpose of the fund was to fill the gaps in the normal system of public assistance.—British Wireless Service.

bosa brought his wife to Canton for medical treatment; he expressed surprise at the strides made by the city authorities in the construction of new roads, and was heard to remark that Canton had every reason to be proud of her broad avenues and stately new buildings.

Colonial Secretary To Act
During the absence of Senhor Barbosa, the Colonial Secretary, Senhor Pereira Magalhães, will act ad interim. Both Westerners and Chinese in Macao need to say are fervently praying that the Lisbon Government will not take advantage of His Excellency's presence at home to persuade him to assume the post of Governor of Macao. It is known that Senhor Barbosa is one of the few men who know the Sino-foreign conditions and appreciate the significance of the new trend in China.

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Mar.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.32	6.33
17	6.31	6.33
18	6.30	6.33
19	6.29	6.34
20	6.28	6.34
21	6.27	6.34
22	6.26	6.35
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.24	6.36
25	6.23	6.36
26	6.22	6.37
27	6.21	6.37
28	6.20	6.37
29	6.19	6.38
30	6.17	6.38
31	6.17	6.38

NOTICES.

G. R.
1929—1930.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. HOSPITAL, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1929, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessities for the year ending 31st March, 1930.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

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WM. W. KEIR,
Surgeon Captain, R.N.
R.N. Hospital,
Hong Kong, 13th March, 1929.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929 (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 13th March, 1929.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1896, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	New Kowloon, Island Lot No. 111.	Between New Kowloon Island Lot No. 110 and Lot No. 112, and the Shamshuipo River.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$140
		As per sale plan.	9,903	05	

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	Island Lot No. 111.	Between New Kowloon Island Lot No. 110 and Lot No. 112, and the Shamshuipo River.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$140
		As per sale plan.	14,182	100	

NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1929.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

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VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE CURRENT WEEK

RIFLE MEETING NOTES

The week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, issued to-day, read as follows:—

Efficiency
All Officers Commanding units will arrange to check their records with the Adjutant at an early date for the Training Year 1928-29.

Arms
Rifles and bayonets are to be kept at either Corps or Platoon Headquarters, all those who have not returned their rifles and bayonets will do so at once.

Musketry
The Battery and Reserve Company will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 17.

Range Officer: Lieut. C. P. Anderson, M.C. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Dress: Musketry Order, i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet, braces, pouches or bandollers. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 15 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, March 16, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Corps Rifle Meeting
The Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on March 31 and April 1. (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.)

Rifle Meeting Committee
At the Meeting on February 28, the following Rifle Meeting Committee was elected:
President: Major S. J. Jordain, M.C.
Secretaries: C.S.M. H. Green and Pte. C. E. Frith.

Members: Captain A. M. Thornhill, Lieut. A. Mackenzie, and L/Serg. D. M. Richards.

The dates and order of events will be as follows:

Approximate Times of Firing
Sunday, March 31.
9 a.m. Blake Shield.
9 a.m. Francis Cup.
2 p.m. Attack Competition.
3.30 p.m. Reserve Competition.
3.45 p.m. Jar Competition.

Monday, April 1.

9 a.m. Corps Championship.

9 a.m. Tyro Competition.

11 a.m. Musketry Competition.

Revolver Competition, Corps and all Comers, will be fired both days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, April 1.

Entries.—Attending Competitors must send in their names accompanied by entrance fees, not later than noon, Monday, March 25, to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters.

Competitors will make their own arrangements for lifts. The Cantee will be in attendance.

Programmes have been sent to all Officers, Warrant Officers, and Sergeants on March 12.

Programmes can be obtained on application at Volunteer Headquarters.

Corps Band
The Band will parade in the Lecture Room for Band Practice as usual on Tuesday, March 19 at 5.30 p.m. in mufti. Those who wish to have instruction in Musketry will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Fridays, March 15 and 22.

The Battery
Musketry. All ranks are reminded that Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 17. Those who have not fired on January 27 are requested to attend. See Order No. 3 above.

Engineer Co. & Corps Signals Musketry. All ranks are reminded that Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 24. Those who have not fired on February 8 are requested to attend.

Mounted Infantry Co.
Thursday, March 21. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress—mufti.

Armoured Car Co.
Our Section. There will be a meeting of N.C.O.s at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. to-day. All N.C.O.s should attend.

Motor Cycle Section. Sunday. The Peak Range has been allotted to Motor Cycle Section for firing practice, commencing at 9.30 a.m. It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to attend. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine.

Monday, March 18. There will be a meeting of all ranks in the Lecture Room at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters, to discuss the training programme. All should attend.

Machine Gun Co.
The Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, in mufti for Machine Gun Training, with the exception of those members of No. 4 Section detailed for M.G. Part 1. Latter will parade at 5.15 p.m. under Lieut. J. Norrie-Owen and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy-road Range in overalls.

Reorganisation. For the forthcoming training season the Company will be divided into 4 Sections Nos. 1-4 instead of 2 Platoons as before. Full particulars will be posted on Company Notice Board at Headquarters, and also issued to all N. C. O's.

Scottish Co.
Thursday, March 21. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction, dress mufti, as follows:
Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters.
No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

Portuguese Co.
Arms. All rifles must be returned to Corps Headquarters immediately.

Parades. All Company Competitions will be completed by April 19. Commencing Friday, March 15, all parades will be utilised in preparation viz March 15, 22, 29, April 5. Attendance is one of the essentials in all the Competitions and the sequence of training will depend upon numbers on Parade.

Reserve Co.
Thursday, March 21. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Musketry. All ranks are reminded that Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 17. Those who have not fired on January 27, are requested to attend. See Order above.

Strength
The following recruits have been taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1454 Pte. J. B. Sturgeon, No. 6 Platoon, as from March 7.
No. 1455 Pte. W. Harris-Walker, No. 6 Platoon, as from March 7.
No. 1456 Pte. D. M. MacDougall, No. 1 Section, M. Gun Coy., as from March 11.

No. 1457 Pte. R. W. D. Danby, No. 1 Section, M. Gun Coy., as from March 12.

No. 1458 Pte. W. C. Hung, M. Gun Coy., as from March 13.

Transfer
Captain K. S. Morrison is transferred to the Reserve of Officers, as from to-day's date.

Command
Lieut. A. Mackenzie, takes over command of The Scottish Company



Sam Ku West who is now appearing at the Queen's Theatre.

as from to-day's date from Captain K. S. Morrison.

Leave
No. 46 Pte. A. Morley, Reserve Company, from March 23 to November 30.

No. 817 Pte. H. A. Angus, No. 2 Platoon, from April 13 1929 to February 12, 1930.

No. 1166 Pte. E. F. Brown, No. 9 Platoon, from March 22 to April 21.

The following having returned from leave the unexpired portion of their leave is cancelled and they are posted to No. 1 Section Machine Gun Company.

No. 872 Corporal J. W. Alabaster.

No. 556 Pte. J. R. Collis.

No. 1072 Pte. J. R. Hinton.

The Commandant records, with Struck off the Strength

The Commandant records, with deep regret, the death of No. 1882 Pte. D. J. Robson, Scottish Company on March 11, during the King Edward Hotel Fire Disaster.

Having left the Colony:
No. 1204 Sigm. D. Rautista, Corps Signals, as from January 1.

No. 1 Cpl. J. A. Lyon, Reserve Company, as from February 18.

Notice
The Machine Gun Company Rifle Club will hold their next meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, March 24, at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

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Miss Aida Kawakami, the "Japanese Pavlova" added considerably to the enjoyment of the programme with an Oriental dance and the Hula to music played by Sam Ku and the Harmony Boys. "Aloha Oe" another harp ensemble, brought the "show" to a fitting close.

In conjunction with the Hawaiian programme was presented a fine film entitled "The Actress" dealing with British stage life in the good old days. It has a fine romantic theme in which the grandson of a nobleman falls in love with an actress. They have many ups and downs before the "hard old gentleman" would consent to their marriage.

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YOKOHAMA MARU	Monday, 8th April.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 23rd March.
HAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 6th April.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.	
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 20th March.
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 24th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
SADO MARU	Sunday, 17th March.
TOTTORI MARU	Thursday, 28th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.	
KANAGAWA MARU	Friday, 5th April.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	
TAKETOYO MARU	Sunday, 17th March.
MAYBASHI MARU	Thursday, 28th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.	
LYONS MARU	Sunday, 17th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MORIOKA MARU	Friday, 15th March.
NAGATO MARU	Friday, 29th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA.	
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HAWAII MARU	Tuesday, 19th March.
LAPLATA MARU	Tuesday, 23rd April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
INDUS MARU	Wednesday, 20th March.
(Calls at Penang & Karachi).	
DURBAN, LOURENÇO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CANADA MARU	Sunday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
CELEBS MARU	Monday, 18th March.
(Calls at Belawan Deli).	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From Shanghai.	
PARIS MARU	Saturday, 23rd March.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BURMA MARU	Saturday, 23rd April.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
JAPAN PORTS	
AMUR MARU	Sunday, 17th March.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 17th March Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELTA MARU	Thursday, 21st March, 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG	Thursday, 4th April.
SOURABAYA MARU	Thursday, 4th April.

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MR. BREWER HOME

HIS EXPERIENCES
DESCRIBED

Mr. A. J. Brewer, the second officer of the British steamer "Clan Lamont," who was kept in custody for months awaiting trial at Benguela, Portuguese West Africa, and was afterwards sentenced to 300 days' imprisonment and a fine of £18 on a charge of robbing the postmaster of Lonto Bay, reached Southampton recently in the "Themistocles."

Mr. Brewer intends to consult his solicitors in London as to the advisability of lodging a claim for compensation for wrongful imprisonment.

Ten Months Without Trial

Discussing his experience, Mr. Brewer, who is a Plymouth man, an ex-cadet of H.M.S. "Conway," and the youngest second officer in the Clan Line, said that he had been unjustly imprisoned for ten months without trial, and that sentence had been passed upon him on the most unsatisfactory evidence. Indeed, he added, the principal witness for the prosecution was never produced at the trial. His first appearance before the judge at Benguela was prejudiced by unsatisfactory interpretation of questions leading to the brusque postponement of the case.

When the hearing was resumed, ten months later, Mr. Brewer had in the meantime learned Portuguese, and the whole of the proceedings, lasting for 230 in the afternoon to 9.45 at night, were conducted in that language. Mr. Brewer being able to carry on without difficulty. He said that the trial had been very favourable to him throughout until the summing up, and the verdict came as a shock.

Prison Conditions

In prison he had spent the first three days absolutely without food, while the sanitary arrangements were of the most primitive character. His cell was a small room 10ft. square, with no windows, but with four doors, all of which were kept closed. His bed consisted of a frame with four hoop iron for mattress and a bundle of straw, which resulted in much undesirable bed comfort.

After three days without food, Mr. Brewer was able to obtain sustenance from a local hotel through the good offices of the British Consul, of whose efforts throughout he spoke in the highest terms. This state of affairs continued for three weeks, after which he was removed to hospital, and remained there during the rest of his imprisonment, having during that time the use of his gear and comforts supplied him by order of his employers of the Clan Line.

One memento of his unpleasant experience is malaria, which attacked him throughout his stay in Benguela and on the voyage home. Up till then, he said, he had never known a day's illness.

Question in the House of Commons

In the House of Commons, Mr. Horne-Bullish asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he had now received the report of his Majesty's Consul-General at Leanda regarding the case of Mr. A. J. Brewer, second officer of the Clan Line steamer "Clan Lamont," who, after arrest on a charge of theft of £1, was imprisoned for nine months while awaiting trial in Portuguese West Africa, was then condemned to 300 days' imprisonment and £18 fine, or another 90 days' imprisonment and £18 fine, if he failed to pay the fine. Mr. Austen Chamberlain.—The report has been received, and is being carefully considered. I propose, in Mr. Brewer's own interests, to await his arrival in this country, in order that certain points may be cleared up before a decision is possible as to what further action can be taken.—(Journal of Commerce.)

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.V. "Chile" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 17 at 4 p.m. Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Uto Diamond" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 20. Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benmacduh" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 21.

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MILITARY GUARDS ON STEAMERS

Following the piracy of the s.s. "Anking" in which the Chief Officer and Chief Engineer were murdered and upwards of \$80,000 worth of property was taken from the passengers, the Chamber of Commerce (which the annual report) joined the China Association and the China Coast Officers' Guild in representations through the China Association, London, urging, in the words of a cable despatched on October 11, that representative be made to the Foreign Office concerning the urgent necessity for stronger measures for the prevention of piracy and the protection of British lives and trade. In view of the very serious situation the opinion was expressed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Government were able to eradicate piracy based on the military authorities should be urged to formulate a scheme for the provision of adequate guards for all British ships in the piracy zone. It was suggested that the Straits Settlements and South China Commands, jointly with the North China Commands, should co-operate to provide guards. It was pointed out that this was only an extension of the principle already acknowledged in the Straits Settlements and Hong Kong in providing military guards on certain British ships. If military protection was impracticable the opinion was expressed that the British Government should be urged to reinforce the naval personnel on the China coast for this purpose, especially as competing Dutch vessels had native military guards under European N.C.O.s.

Outside Support

The message was repeated to the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce and China Committee and the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, both of which bodies promptly cabled London in support.

It was gratifying to learn, a few hours later, that the War Office, London, had authorised the use of a number of men from each port—Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai—to act as anti-piracy guards on steamers. Schemes were subsequently worked out by the Military Authorities, in consultation with the Shipping Companies concerned, under which armed parties consisting of an officer or N.C.O. and an appropriate number of men accompany one ship on its outward journey and return to the base on the trip in the reverse direction. It is often difficult to fit things in, but everything possible is done to make the best possible use of the personnel available. It is hoped that, until the Chinese Authorities are able to deal with piracy, the British Authorities will be willing to continue these measures for the protection of the lives of members of the British Mercantile Marine and the preservation of British trade in Far Eastern waters.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The American Mail Liner "President Jefferson" sailed from Shanghai Midland on Wednesday, March 13, and is expected to arrive here at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 15. This steamer will sail the following day at 6 p.m. for Manila.

The American Mail Liner "President McKinley" is scheduled to sail from Manila at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, and is expected to arrive here at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 18. She will sail at 4.30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19 for Victoria and Seattle, via Shanghai and Japan.

The Dollar Round-the-World Liner "President Johnson" arrived in Kobe yesterday, and is due to sail today for Shanghai, arriving there on March 18 and sailing for Hong Kong on March 20. This steamer is scheduled to arrive at this port at 7 a.m. on March 23 and will sail at 8 a.m. on March 24 for Europe via Manila, Suez, etc.

The Dollar Liner "President Lincoln" which sailed from Seattle on March 9 is due to arrive at this port on March 26.

The American Mail Liner "President Grant" from San Francisco on March 11 is expected to arrive here on March 26.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. S.S. "Empress of Russia" from Amoy, Hong Kong, March 6, left Yokohama, March 14 at 2 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on March 28.

Projected arrivals and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Delhi" from Europe, March 17.

S.S. "City of Khartoum" from New York via Suez, March 25.

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The s.s. "Glenbank" from New York via Panama, April 22.

The s.s. "Comlebank" from New York via Panama, April 24.

The s.s. "City of Newcastle" from New York via Suez, May 1.

Departures From Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Delhi" for Shanghai and Japan, March 18.

The s.s. "City of Dunkirk" for Manila and U.S., March 18.

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S.S. BELLINGHAM

U.S. CARGO BOAT
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BOUND FOR SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The American cargo boat "Bellingham" bound for Shanghai and laden with lumber from Tacoma, went ashore yesterday morning at Yangtze Cape, 54 miles from Shanghai, and was re-stated at noon to-day and is now proceeding to Shanghai. As far as can be ascertained no damage was suffered.—Reuter.

"THE SHAFORCE"

SCARCELY A DOZEN OF ORIGINAL PERSONNEL IN SHANGHAI

Due to the breakdown of the transport "Somersetshire," the "Dorsetshire" which sailed from the Old Ning-shih Wharf at noon on Saturday (says the "N. C. Daily News" to hand) is the last troopship to leave Shanghai this season, and in addition to "A. N. C." Companies of the 1st Battalion Northamptonshires, also carried practically all the remaining personnel of the original Shanghai Defence Force who were due to go home or to other stations abroad to complete a three years' tour of foreign service.

To come down to actual numbers, scarcely a dozen of the original defence force remain, and this number will be still further reduced during the next month or two when all but the "Dorsetshire" will, on completion of the clearing up process, leave by passenger ships for their destinations. According to present arrangements the "Somersetshire" will arrive at Hong Kong on or about March 18 and a number of those who left on the "Dorsetshire" on Saturday will break their journey and await onward passage by the former ship. It is also considered likely that a few of those now remaining in Shanghai will be able to make connection for onward passage in the "Somersetshire."

Movements of Transport

The "Northamptonshires" will also disembark at Hong Kong and await the arrival of the "Somersetshire" which will take them to Malta, and the "Dorsetshire" will embark the half battalion of the Buffs, and Herts, and convey them to their station in India. At Bombay she will take on board a battalion for service in the Sudan, as well as picking up details at ports en route for various destinations.

The programme mapped out for the "Somersetshire" remains unaltered. She will take the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment and the half battalion of the Northamptonshires to Malta together with all remaining details who have been sent to the clearing base at Hong Kong up to the time of her departure. Owing to the frequent calls the "Dorsetshire" is expected to occupy 53 days on the trip home, and the "Somersetshire," which will only be able to steam at about 10 knots as a result of recent engine trouble, will also make a lengthy passage.

Passing of the "Old Guard"

Apart from the foregoing, however, there are not lacking other indications of the passing of the "old guard" and the reconstitution of the garrison in Shanghai (as it may now be considered). "Shaforce" House, the headquarters of the British Forces Y.M.C.A. in China has now been closed, and entertainment of the British personnel has been taken over by the American Navy Y.M.C.A. and the B.W.A. who still maintain centres at Ferry-road and Brennan-road. Haynes' Gardens, so long the camping ground of various units, has been rendered back to its owner, Mr. Ellis Haynes, who gave only a few days' notice to the B.W.A. With the unification of the North and South China Commands likely, and headquarters at the southern port, the Kalee Hotel will probably be the next association to go, the New World being already in process of being handed back to its owners.

Fresh associations are already being formed among Shanghai people and the new garrison, and in a very short time the new arrivals will not doubt be on terms of friendship with the local population similar to those which characterised the presence of the previous defenders.

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MALWA	10,980	30th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
*MIRZAPUR	9,715	1st Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
NALDERA	10,008	13th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*LAHORE	5,282	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	10,446	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERFORD	5,334	30th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
TILAWA	10,008	31st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
TAKIWA	9,128	3rd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
ARAFURA	10,008	6th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,940	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*JEYPORE	5,318	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MOREA	10,953	26th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
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EXPERT COMMENT

That Great Britain still maintains her position in the shipbuilding world, and that oil, whether used under boilers or in internal-combustion engines, continues to make progress in the mercantile fleets of the world at the expense of coal, are the two most significant facts revealed by the summary of shipbuilding in the world in 1928, issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping today, says the "Journal of Commerce."

Before the war this country was pre-eminent in the shipbuilding world. Now it is correct to say that she stands in relation to world shipbuilding in very nearly as strong a position. That the development has taken place in shipbuilding abroad which that comparison implies must, in fact, always be remembered when the position of this country as a shipbuilding centre today is contrasted with her position some fifteen years ago. Last year there was an increase in the world's output over 1927 of 413,500 tons. Great Britain's share was 220,047 tons. This country built more ships than the rest of the world, and her output 1,445,920 tons, was 53.6 per cent. of the world's total. The percentage was the same in 1927, so that on an increased output Great Britain has maintained her position. The



James Hall in "Silk Legs,"
William Fox attraction—at
Queen's Theatre, March 17 and 18.

percentages in previous years were 32.2 per cent. in 1926—an abnormally low figure, attributable to the general strike and coal stoppage—40.5 per cent. in 1925, 64.1 per cent. in 1924, and 58 per cent. in 1923. The figures for other figures which indicate Britain's progress, we find that, out of the total tonnage launched from British yards, 20.2 per cent. is for foreign or colonial owners. This compares with 21.8 per cent. in 1927, 1.1 per cent. in 1926, under 16.5 per cent. in 1925, under 15.5 per cent. in 1924, and an average of over 22 per cent. for the five previous years 1909-1913. These two material sets of figures, the British tonnage compared to world tonnage and the percentage of the British output but which is for foreign owners, showed, therefore, that, in spite of the increased foreign competition, this country is but little behind her pre-war figures. This is due to the high quality of British workmanship and of the soundness and efficiency of the shipbuilding industry in this country, soundness and efficiency which have enabled it, thanks also to the co-operation of those engaged in it, to overcome the difficulties of the post-war era of depression, through which it has but recently passed. There is cause for satisfaction that this country, as a shipbuilding nation, retains to as great an extent as can be expected, the supremacy she enjoyed before the war.

The steadily increasing use of oil as fuel for ships cannot, by reason of the importance to the country of its coal industry, be viewed with equal satisfaction. From a national standpoint it is not so much a question of steam or diesel—that is for the shipowner and marine engineer to decide—as one of native or foreign fuel. Lloyd's Register summary indirectly points to the necessity of developing coal as a more economical means of power production. Although it should be noted that the internal-combustion engine has not made progress in this country comparable to that abroad, the following figures show the change which has taken place in the relative position of oil as coal for the production of the world's merchant fleets. In 1914, the gross tonnage of steamers fitted to burn oil fuel was but 1,310,000 tons, whilst in 1928 the total was over 19,000,000 tons; in addition, of the total world output of 1928, less than 84 per cent. depends exclusively upon coal for propulsion. These are figures which emphasize the importance of the problem from the national point of view. This increasing use of oil as fuel for ships instead of coal is one of the factors in the depression existing in the coal mining industry of this country today. The market thus lost, it is obvious, cannot be regained unless coal is shown to offer the economy and adaptability of oil, so that the experiments now being made to reintroduce the use of coal, either in its pulverised state or as oil after carbonisation and distillation have taken place, must be accelerated and proved to the satisfaction of shipowners if any success is to be obtained. Increased use of coal as fuel for ships would undoubtedly aid the mining industry. But coal will not be used to any great extent unless the essential conditions referred to above are realised, and it is on these points that attention must be concentrated. With regard to the burning of coal in its pulverised form, development is rapidly taking place, and it is hoped that it will be shown to offer in existing as well as new ships economy equal to that obtainable with oil burnt in internal-combustion engines. The process of extracting oil from coal does not yet appear to have reached a similar stage of development. But if, in due course, anticipations with regard to both these developments are realised, coal may regain a measure of its former popularity for the propulsion of ships and a greater number of our merchant vessels come to rely on home-produced fuel.

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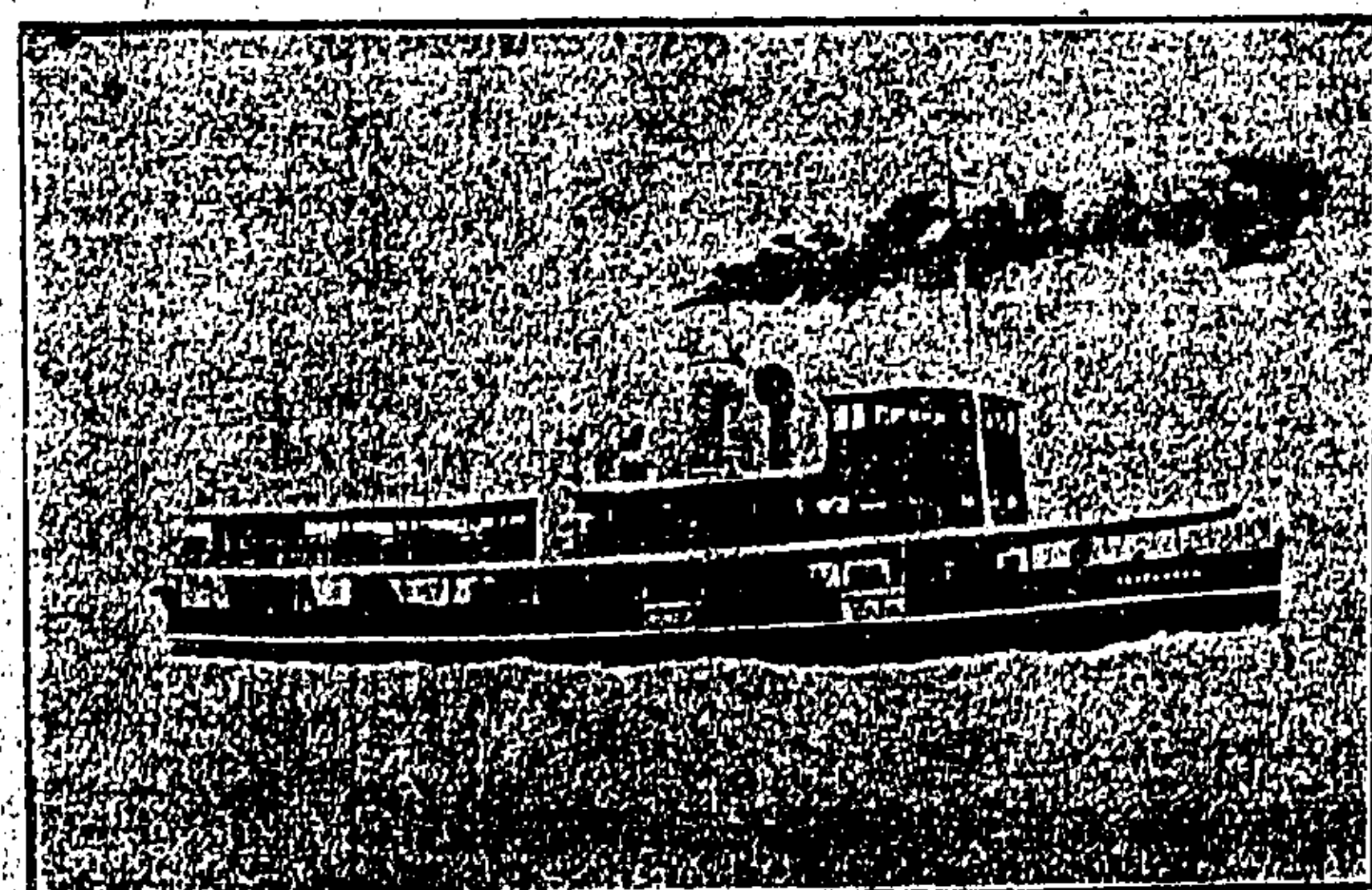
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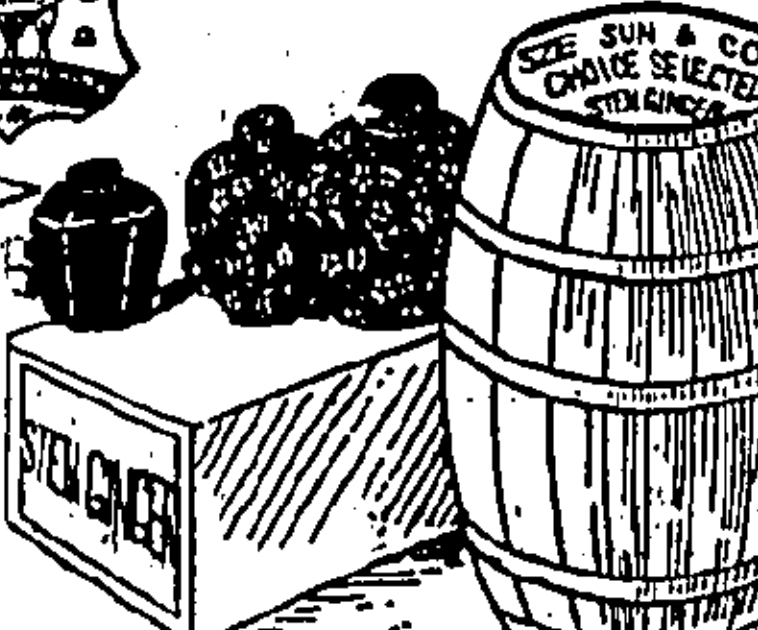
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be received with mixed feelings
throughout the world. Every-
body will, of course, sympathise
with the American's ambition to
retain the motor speed record for
his country, but it is deplorable
that both he and Major Segrave
or anyone else who try such ap-
palling feats should seem to think
so little of the tremendous risk
they run. Most emphatically the
danger, as we have previously had
occasion to say, is in no way
worth the glory, such as it is,
that is in the feat—one of the
most foolhardy, in our opinion,
ever attempted in these days
when the mania for speed seems
to affect almost everybody every-
where. Speed approximating 200
miles an hour being clearly out of
the question for all practical pur-
poses in motor driving, why
should motor-cars be built at such
enormous cost (Segrave's ma-
chine and that used by the un-
fortunate Bible cost approximately
£20,000 each) — to accomplish
this altogether absurd feat.

There surely are plenty of other
ways of proving a machine's
superiority either from the point
of view of its engine or any other
part of its make-up than by at-
tempting such foolhardy speed
tests. Not one person in 100,000
would accompany either Segrave
or any of his rivals were the op-
portunity offered to them. Such
speed, being altogether impracti-
cal, should be condemned rather

than, as it far too often
is, thoughtlessly praised. Sir
Charles Wakefield, being particu-
larly interested in motor and
other kinds of lubricating oil,
doubtless has a special interest in
promoting such speed competi-
tions as, in the main, seem to be
inducing Segrave, Campbell and
others to risk their lives every
time they attempt to travel at
200 miles per hour. As a mar-
vellous feat of driving and as an
indication of an iron nerve, this
speed mania might be tolerated,
but in no other respect should it
be countenanced. There is little
sense in swimmers, especially
women, attempting to swim the
Channel but as a feat of skill and
endurance it must be admired and
it certainly is not in the same
category for foolhardiness as is
most speed mania ventures. The
great Schneider Trophy is another
of the speed tests bordering upon
the reckless and quite outwith the
pale of the practical. Of course,
speed tests in flying are not pre-
cisely the same as in motoring,
but when, in the training for this
trophy, we read, as we do to-day
in one of the telegrams, that
"looping the loop" at 300 miles
per hour was done by at least one
of those participating, all that
need be said is that the action is
bordering on sheer lunacy.

A telegram to hand from Day-
tona is particularly interesting; as
in it we read that the American
Automobile Association, "anti-
cipating unfavourable public re-
action as regards the value of
super-speed trials," have issued a
statement, in which it is pointed
out that Bible's death is only the
third that has occurred in
twenty-six years of speed tests at
Daytona Beach. Ninety-nine per
cent. of these tests, it may be
safely assumed, were not run at
the appalling speed of 200 miles
per hour, and if they had been
there would have been a much
larger number of deaths to record.
Such speed tests are merely fur-
ther evidence of the mania for
speed, and it should be the duty of
such bodies as the Automobile
Association to discourage such
foolhardy exploits.

The purpose of the church is to
attune man to the divine harmony
of the universe. How are the
churches going about that job?
Right here in Vancouver are at
least twenty or thirty different
formulas laid down for reaching
Heaven. If science were con-
fronted with that many theories
concerning some desired end,
scientists would go to work
frankly and without prejudice to
eliminate all but the correct
method and through their re-
search, build up a practical
technique to accomplish that de-
sired end. What actual spiritual
research work are the churches
doing? They have made their

varied claims. What are they do-
ing, practically, to substantiate
them? The science of religion is
a vast uncharted sea, into which
the churchmen have hardly yet
dipped their fingers.—The Van-
couver (B.C.) Sun.

This forenoon's temperature was
59 degrees as compared with 63
degrees yesterday afternoon.

Only one case of small-pox was
notified yesterday — a Chinese
from Kowloon. There was one
case of enteric fever, also Chinese.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich were
passengers from Port Said to
Hong Kong by the P. & O. s.s.
"Naldera," which arrived here to-
day.

Messrs. S. Schofield, A. Judd,
and R. White were passengers
from Marseilles to Hong Kong on
the "Naldera," as were Major G.
Ogilvie and Messrs. H. Richardson
and H. Contache.

Mr. and Mrs. Park and two
sons, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Miss
Clarke, Miss Cochrane, and
Messrs. P. Cory and H. Garle were
passengers from Colombo to Hong
Kong by the P. and O. s.s.
"Naldera."

The Officer in charge of Ping-
shan Police Station, has reported
to Headquarters that he had re-
ceived a letter with the informa-
tion that the s.s. "Shon On" had
gone ashore on the west of Sha-
chau Island.

Lo Yee, Chinese constable No.
6288, stationed at Yau-mat Police
Station, has been arrested on
charges of (a) demanding money
by menaces; and (b) misconduct
as a policeman by demanding and
receiving a bribe of 30 cents.

Notice has been given at the
local Registry of the forthcoming
marriage of Mr. James Chang
Ling Wong, described as a super-
intendent engineer, of No. 86,
Bonham-road, to Miss Edith Lee
On of No. 1, Beautiful-terrace.

Commander D. Maxwell, Com-
mander D. Lambert and Mrs.
Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr.
and Mrs. Strange and two in-
fants, Misses J. Honess and D.
Dunnett, and Mr. D. Macdonald,
arrived by the P. & O. s.s.
"Naldera" from Home.

At the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith
passed sentence of one month's
hard labour on each of two Chi-
nese charged with having stowed
away from Swatow to Hong Kong
on board the s.s. "Cremer." The
defendants' plea was that they
had lost their tickets.

Passengers from Penang to
Hong Kong by the P. & O. s.s.
"Naldera," which arrived to-day
were Dr. Mott; Mrs. and Miss
Mott; Mr. and Mrs. Prescott; Mr.
and Mrs. Rickmers and Miss
Rickmers; Mr. and Mrs. Mein
Austin; Miss E. Gruert; Messrs.
E. Fisher, O. Dayburn, W.
Schram, and F. Tibbury.

The P. & O. steamer "Naldera"
brought to-day the following pas-
sengers from Singapore:—Dr. A.
Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Baldygun,
Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, Mr. and
Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs.
Soames and infant Mr. and Mrs.
Mather, Miss E. Davidson, Mrs.
and the Misses J. and E. Wellman,
Messrs. M. Webb, J. McLeod,
Waddell, Butterworth, and
Douglas.

NEW SOLICITOR

MR. F. HINGSUM KWOK

ADMITTED

SON OF OLD RESIDENT

The son of Mr. Peter Kingson
Kwok, a director of the Bank of
East Asia, Ltd., and some time
director of the Po Leung Kuk, Mr.
Frank Hingsum Kwok was yester-
day admitted to practice in the
local Courts as a solicitor. Mr.
Frank Kwok is with Messrs.
Johnson, Stokes and Master.
Mr. D. J. Lewis and Mr. T. G.
Bennett, were in Court.

He was educated at the Doce-
san Boys' School, Hong Kong and
in England; served his articles in
London; and was admitted at
Home on July 2, last year. All
requirements of the Legal Prac-
titioners Ordinance of the Colony
had been complied with, said the
Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, G.B.E.,
K.C., in moving Mr. Kwok's ad-
mission.

His Honour the Chief Justice
(Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) wish-
ed Mr. Kwok a successful career.

CORRESPONDENCE

CANTON WATERWORKS

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Allow me the courtesy of
your columns to put before the
public the full circumstances sur-
rounding a recent act of the Can-
ton Municipal Government which,
at the time of its perpetration,
argued the most intense resent-
ment on the part of those who
suffered by it, and is still a sore
point with the Canton public.

I refer to the forcible seizure
of the Canton Water Works Com-
pany, a purely private concern, on
January 10 by the Mayor of Can-
ton, Mr. Lam Wan-kai.

Let me hasten to explain at the
outset that I am not imbued with
Communist taint, nor is this an
outburst against the present re-
gime for political purposes.

On January 10 officers of the
Municipal Government presented
themselves at the premises of the
Water Works Company and de-
manded that all records and funds
of the Company be handed over
to them, in other words, they de-
manded full control of the Com-
pany and its business. The
ultimatum was given that every-
thing was to be surrendered with-
in an hour's time. The officers
were accompanied by armed
forces and the Company's men
had no option, in view of the dis-
play of force, but to submit. The
reason given for the seizure was
that the Company had failed to
provide an efficient service to the
public.

I do not propose to review the
controversy that had gone on for
some time previously over the
alleged inefficient functioning of
the Waterworks, but will mention
that the Company, with a plant
designed to care for the needs of
10,000 families, are now called
upon to supply water to fully four
times this number. This so-called
"inefficiency" is the root cause of
the whole trouble.

After the lapse of six weeks
from the time of the seizure the
Municipal Government announces
that it will appoint a Commission
to assess the value of the plant,
the Commission to consist of four
Government men, and but two re-
presentatives of the shareholders.
Such a preponderant majority in
favour of the Government renders
the appointment of the com-
mission a farce, pure and simple,
and naturally the shareholders re-
fuse to agree to such a Board be-
ing formed.

The Water Works Company is a
private business undertaking with
a paid-up capital of \$2,750,000,
but apart from the talk of setting
up an Arbitration Board nothing
has been done to pay the share-
holders for their property, and as
far as can be seen the unfortu-
nate subscribers will whistle in
vain for their money.

These two points, (1) valuation
of the assets by arbitration, and
(2) indefinite delay in making any
move towards repaying the share-
holders, form a direct reversal of
a previous action of the Govern-
ment, when in 1915 they com-
pelled the shareholders to find the
sum of \$750,000 to buy the inter-
est of the Government in the Com-
pany. It is necessary here to ex-
plain that the Waterworks Com-
pany was started as a semi-Gov-
ernment enterprise, some of the
capital being furnished by the
Government and the majority by
the public. In 1915 when the Gov-
ernment sold out its shares, com-
pelling the public to buy same, it
also laid down the flat that money
was to be found within ten days.
Under the compulsion of force
there was nothing for it but to
obey, and the money was stumped
out.

Compare the two sets of cir-
cumstances, and then you may
well ask: Is there such a thing as
Justice?

In spite of the injustice, share-
holders do not wish to oppose the
authorities more than they can
help, and are willing to have the
company taken over, but they ask
in all fairness, that they be paid
the full value of the assets of the
company, the value to be assessed by
an independent, impartial
board of arbitrators, or if so wish-
ed, by a Board of two officials and
two shareholders and a fifth man
to be elected according to major-
ity opinion of these four. The re-
port of this Board of arbitrators
is to be considered final and bind-
ing on both the Government and
the shareholders, and cash is to
be paid without delay. So far the
Municipal Government has re-
fused to consider this proposal,
but insists that four members of
the Board are to be its nominees,
leaving one member for the Gen-
eral Chamber of Commerce and
one member for the shareholders
to elect.

A third alternative has been
put forward by the shareholders
and that is that should the Gov-
ernment be unable at the present
moment to find the funds to pay
for the company, the control and
management be given back to the
shareholders' representatives and
directors. In view of the com-
plaints of inefficiency, they sug-
gest that the Government appoint
a supervisor to act on the Board,
and also suggest that after a

period of three or four years if
they do not show improvement in
the operation of the water supply
service they would be willing to
have the Government take over
the company, provided, of course,
that cash is paid for the shares, to
be valued by an impartial commis-
sion.

The Government has turned a
deaf ear to all these proposals and
its tight, in control of the Water
Works Company.

A spice of comedy is introduced
into the affair by the stolid man-
ner in which the Government offi-
cials are carrying on the manage-
ment exactly as it had been run
before. They are content to do
just what the erstwhile Directors
had been doing, making no at-
tempt to change the old routine—
yet the professed reason for tak-
ing over the company was the
"inefficiency" of the management.
One is profoundly impressed at
the manner in which "inefficiency"
vanishes into thin air without any
alterations or reforms, just mere-
ly through officialdom invading
the premises.

In thus grabbing the private
company the Government has ap-
parently failed to pay due regard
to a very serious aspect that
arises as a result of its action. A
precedent is established and no
private industrial enterprise is
safe from its tentacles. Rosy
pictures are painted by propa-
ganda to induce overseas Chinese
to return and invest their money
in China and help the development
of native industry. But with
humble deference to the superior
intelligence of officialdom, we beg
to point out that grabbing tactics
such as was displayed in connec-
tion with the Water Works Co.
does not hold out much assurance
for the sanctity of private prop-
erty; on the contrary, such
action will operate to keep over-
seas Chinese, with their capital
and surplus funds, away from
China.

All that the shareholders ask
for is fair play and justice, and
unless China's leaders sit up and
take notice and see that justice is
meted out with an impartial hand,
they will find China's liquid re-
sources leaving the country in a
steady stream. We do not have
to go far to find evidence of this.
Already many of Canton's mer-
chants are investing their money
in the neighbouring Colony of
Hong Kong, and doubtless many
more will be following suit unless
the Government displays genuine
fair-mindedness to gain the con-
fidence of the public.

It behoves those who have the
interest of Canton and her people
at heart, like Marshal Li Chai-
sum, General Chan Ming-shu, Mr.
Sun Fo, Mr. Hu Han-min, Mr.
T. V. Soong, Dr. Wang Chung-shi,
etc., to take note of this injustice
and institute steps to rectify it be-
fore the confidence of the people
in their Government is complete-
ly destroyed.

Your, etc.,

Y. K. Wong.

Shareholder of Canton Water
Works Company

Hong Kong, March 11.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—It is good to know that
undisturbed amidst the welter of
misrepresentation and clamorous
opposition, the Church of Christ,
Scientist, and all its institutional
activities is gloriously fulfilling its
mission "to commemorate the
word and works of our Master,
which should reinstate primitive
Christianity and its lost element
of healing" (Manual of the
Mother Church, P. 17). Chris-
tian Science practice is the applica-
tion of divine law; and when
correctly applied it heals the sick.
This can be easily verified by the
authenticated testimonies appear-
ing in the weekly and monthly
publications of The Christian
Science Publishing Society, of
The First Church of Christ, Scien-
tist, in Boston, Massachusetts.
For instance, in the Christian
Science Sentinel of January 26,
may be found the authentic testi-
mony of a Boston woman who was
completely and permanently heal-
ed of total blindness and total
deafness through Christian
Science treatment after being told
by doctors that the optic nerves
and the auditory nerves were en-
tirely destroyed. This is just one
of countless proofs that Christian
Science is not "commercialised
faith cure" but that in "Mrs.
Eddy's words: "Truth casts out
all evil," and materialistic
methods with the actual spiritual
law which gives sight to the deaf,
voice to the dumb, feet to the
lame." (Science and Health with
Key to the Scriptures, P. 138).
Genuine Christian Scientists
everywhere are humbly striving
to follow the Christ Truth! They
are not interested in the activities
of those individuals who are now
carrying on an aggressive and
misleading opposition to Chris-
tian Science as founded by Mrs.
Eddy.

Yours, etc.,

W. H. Abbot.

Christian Science Committee
on Publication for E. K.
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ABOUT TAGORE

DISTINGUISHED POET OF INDIA

IN HONG KONG TO-DAY

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, Kt., D. Litt., winner of the Nobel Literature Prize, arrives in Hong Kong to-day to stay a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butt, on route to Canada and the U.S.A. The following about him was written by C. P. Andrews in the "Manchester Guardian Weekly" on Aug. 1, 1924, when the distinguished poet was last in this part of the world:—

Shortly before the beginning of the Great War the fame of Rabindranath Tagore dazzled like a meteor, by its brilliance, the literary world in the West. His one slight volume of translations, called "Gitanjali," was the original cause of this sudden scintillation. It was also on the strength of this book that the Nobel Prize for world literature was awarded. At that time a legend concerning the great Indian poet was evolved, and W. Rothenstein's delicate portrait completed the impression which the West received.

The legend was this: that somewhere in the remote parts of India there lived an aged, mystical recluse, retired from the world, who wrought out in solitude his own intimate conceptions of the divine. The fact was not understood that the author of "Gitanjali" was a genius of an amazingly practical order, whose greatest poems were to be found embodied in the brick and stone and mud and that of an actively progressive institution and settlement at Bolpur, which was to revolutionise many of the social and educational ideas of the modern world. I confess to having shared to some extent in this mystical belief about the poet, until I knew from daily and hourly experience the other side of his nature and found his work both constructive and creative in the highest degree.

Poet as Architect

It is concerning the poet as the architect of a new social order that I intend to write in the present article. I would not, however, seek to swing back the pendulum too far. The West was not altogether wrong in its first impression. For Tagore, on one side of his very complex nature, is essentially a dreamer and a mystic. His daily practice of solitude and meditation would be almost unthinkable, and even unbearable, in the West, outside the walls of a monastery. Nevertheless he is something more, and it is about this further aspect that I wish to tell as briefly as possible.

Rabindranath's early manhood was spent away from Calcutta, at his father's estate on the banks of the Ganges among the village people. He managed the affairs of the estate; and I have heard from no less an authority than Sir P. C. Roy, who is a practical man of science, that the poet was a very capable manager indeed. It was during those twenty years of estate management, that his novels and short stories were written. They contain marvelously accurate pictures of the life and character of his own people. Among his fellow-countrymen these prose works hold a place in public esteem not at all inferior to that of his poems.

Inner Conviction

When he had reached the age of forty an inner conviction came to him that some impending change was imminent. He has always proceeded in his life course by following the pathway marked out for him by his strongest inner intuitions. At first he could not understand what the urgency of the new call actually meant. Seeking to follow it blindly, he threw himself into the political movement of the age and was enthusiastically acclaimed as leader and champion of the national cause in Bengal. But he soon found out that this political direction was against the bent of his own nature, and without hesitation he stopped and refused to go farther. His sudden abandonment of political leadership left him solitary and isolated, but no less determined to find the goal to which the inner voice was calling him.

The School at Bolpur

The years that followed were filled not only with the pain of public misunderstanding but also with the far intenser suffering of domestic bereavement. He lost by death his wife and his youngest children, one of whom had already shown early signs of the same genius as his father. Yet out of these very struggles and difficulties and sorrows all that he has attempted since has become a living growth. As I have said, he had started anew on his quest for an ideal that would satisfy his practical mind. After many tentative efforts the way seemed clear, and he founded, at Bolpur, to the north of Calcutta (a school out of a handful of boys, to whom he was teacher, play-mate, and father in one. For many years his efforts met with very little encouragement indeed. All the time, however, he was gaining

ever fresh confidence that his work was at length based upon a sure foundation. The vast stores of his intellect and imagination were poured lavishly forth in the service of his pupils. His school became the laboratory of all his new social experiments. His own boys became his teachers. A method was gradually elaborated which has had remarkable affinities with all that is most vital in the new educational ideas of the West. For many years I have taken part in this work and studied at first hand the poet's ideal. Nowhere in the world have I seen happier children than those whom he has taught in his own school at Bolpur.

Long Illness

But this was not to be the end of his practical undertakings. A long illness, which could only be cured by a very critical operation, brought him to Europe in 1912-13. It was then, as I have related, that he was discovered by the West. His new-won popularity embarrassed him, but in no way turned him from his main purpose. He came back to his constructive work at Bolpur with renewed energy and vigour. I was with him in the months that followed. Just before the outbreak of the Great War he seemed to have a strange and vivid pre-

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sentiment of the world disaster that was approaching. He could not tell what it meant, but a strong foreboding of an impending crisis was present to his mind during May, June, and July, about which he spoke to me almost daily. No greater anguish of soul had ever come into his life than during those three months. His apprehension was formless and void, full of darkness and dread.

Present Activities and Plans

The outbreak of war itself opened out to him at last the meaning of the agony from which he had suffered, and from that day forward a final, definite life purpose was determined. The barriers of nationalism and caste became to him the symbols of the evil that was eating like a cancer into the heart of the modern world. In Japan and in America he vehemently challenged this separatist attitude towards human life, and spoke of human brotherhood and peace. His lectures brought him obloquy and antagonism owing to the war fever. But in the long period of depression since the Armistice we have been able to recognise that he was one of the very few who had given a free and fearless message to mankind out of the midst of the confusion of war.

In China

When the war was over he travelled about the world, and visited England and Europe once more, this time inviting those who could rise above national and racial barriers to join him in realising his ideal of an international fellowship of study and research at Bolpur where East and West could meet. The response has already been remarkable. While the school still remains in a central place amid the academic and social life of Bolpur, and the voices of the young children are never absent, an international settlement has been established side by side with the school, where those who come from the countries of the East meet in brotherhood with those whose traditions are of the East. Asia and Europe are one in that home of world culture. At the present time the poet is in China. Chinese scholars will accompany him to India on his return. Indian scholars and artists have gone with him to China, some of whom will remain as teachers and students in China, after his visit is over. Next year he is likely to approach the Latin countries of Europe, and to travel, if the way is open, to other countries also. His age is nearly seventy. His

S. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

REVIEW OF YEAR

The annual meeting of St. George's Society was held in the Hong Kong Club Annex last evening.

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., presided, and addressing the meeting said, in part:—The remittance to "English Race" of \$501.52 represents the subscriptions previously paid by members of this Society and remitted to London during the year. In view of the little interest taken in this periodical, your Committee deemed it advisable to cancel the order for further copies.

Subscriptions and entrance fees show an increase of \$204 over last year, but the additional 53 new members will more than account for this.

The observance of St. George's Day was confined to the usual interchange of greetings between fraternal Societies; and the holding of two entertainments at the Queen's and Star Theatres for the Services.

A Successful Ball

The annual ball, held on January 4, again proved a great success, both socially and financially, and there will be a substantial sum to carry forward.

The accounts for the 1928 ball, which you have in front of you, show a balance at the Bank of \$1,470. This amount, together with \$530—from the 1929 ball, making \$2,000—has been placed on fixed deposit.

It is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of Mr. Howard Ruff, the Founder Honorary Secretary of the Royal Society of St. George, who has always taken such a keen interest in the various branches of the Society.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock seconded, and the motion was carried.

The New Officers

The following officers were then elected:—President: The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton; Vice-president: Mr. T. E. Pearce; Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. T. Butler; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. P. Marcel. Committee: Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. E. Cock, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. A. P. Bungey, Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, Mr. V. C. Labrum, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Mr. L. J. Davies, and Mr. S. J. Jordan. With regard to St. George's Day, the President said it had been the practice to entertain Service men and suggested that similar arrangements should be made for this year. Perhaps they could approach the commanding officer of one of the regiments stationed in Hong Kong with a view to them giving their services for a function on the Cricket Club ground.

Lieut.-Col. Bird seconded these proposals which were carried unanimously.

Ball to be Held Again

The question of a concert was also left to the Committee, the new President pointing out that St. George's Day fell on April 23. Shortly after that there would be a series of celebrations in connection with the visit of the Duke of Gloucester and he wondered whether it would be too much if the Society held a concert on the 23rd.

It was decided to hold another Ball on Twelfth Night, the President pointing out that the last two Balls had been distinct successes both from the social and financial points of view.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton extended thanks to Lieut.-Col. Bird for his services during his year of office as President and extended congratulations to him on being the recipient of the Order of the British Empire.

MR. C. LAUGHTON

Mr. Charles Laughton, who is playing the part of Mr. Pickwick at the Haymarket Theatre, and Miss Elsa Lancaster, the actress, are engaged and will probably be married in London. Mr. Laughton, who is 28 and a Yorkshireman, has been acting for about three years, but he is regarded as being the greatest "hope" of the English stage among young character actors. Miss Lancaster, who has appeared in plays at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, W., and elsewhere, is noted for the quaintness of her style. Physical strength has been impaired both by long periods of illness and by unceasing labours. But his spirit is still the indomitable enthusiasm of youth, and after repeated breakdowns in health his courage has continued to rise in fresh efforts. Nevertheless, those who are nearest to him know only too well how precarious his position is at present.

BILLY DEAN

LANCASHIRE COMEDIAN COMING

QUEEN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Having recently completed a highly successful provincial tour in England with Moss Empires, Ltd., and now on their way to Australia where extensive engagements have already been secured, Billy Dean, the celebrated Lancashire comedian and his clever partner Topsy Lee, have arrived in Hong Kong and will appear during all performances on Sunday and Monday at the Queen's Theatre in conjunction with the new Fox picture, "Silk Legs."

Billy Dean is an extremely versatile artiste and is at his best in burlesque. During his appearance at the Queen's, he will present a number of Lancashire songs and will also appear in a few negro burlesque numbers.

Topsy Lee, his equally talented supporter, is known to Home theatre-goers as "London's miniature Sophie Tucker," and is a performer who has topped the bill at most of London's famous music halls.

It is to be regretted that the Hong Kong season is unavoidably limited to two days as on Tuesday the artistes leave to take up their Australian engagements. Packed houses should again be the rule at the Queen's over the week-end to hear this popular duo—the first of the kind ever to visit Hong Kong. Usual prices are being charged.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

REPORT ON MURDERERS OF 1927

NATIVES & TAX COLLECTORS

The report of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir H. C. Moorhouse, D.S.O., who was appointed by Mr. L. S. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, to inquire into the murders at Guadalcanal and Malaita, in the British Solomon Islands, was issued recently.

On February 14, 1927, three armed constables and a boy were murdered at Verakone, on Guadalcanal, by Kulokumaha tribesmen. Nine men were tried, of whom six were hanged.

On October 4 of the same year Mr. W. R. C. Bell, District Officer, Malaita, was murdered at Kwai-ambu, in the Sinarango sub-district of Malaita, and Mr. K. C. Lillies, a cadet, and thirteen others were also killed.

Of the two men who chiefly instigated the Guadalcanal murders, Billy Viti, a former village constable, had always "worked well with the Government," until fined £3 under the Adultery Regulation in 1926, when his attitude changed.

The complaint was laid by one of the murdered constables, and the Commissioner thinks that the personal element mainly entered into this outrage, and that the native tax (a moderate sum of 10s.) had nothing to do with the affair.

Dealing with the Malaita crime, the Commissioner, after paying a high tribute to Mr. Bell, says that Basiana, the leader in the outrage, was a devil-devil man of considerable influence. "He had been for some time," he states, "sacrificing pigs to find out if the auguries were auspicious," and Mr. Bell's arrival seemed to give the chance.

A big meeting was held, at which the waverers were only brought to heel by Basiana playing his trump card, the "big swear" against which apparently no Malaita man could stand.

"It does not require much imagination," adds the Commissioner, "to picture the leaders pointing out that here was a unique opportunity of getting rid of the Government who had interfered with their habit of promiscuous murder, arrested and hanged their people for what was in their eyes justifiable homicide, substituted a paltry fine of short term of imprisonment for the death

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Actress," Sam Ku West and Paradise Harmony Boys.

To-day—World Theatre; "It."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Play Girl."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Kosher Kitty Kelly."

Home Malls

To-day—Inward from America and ports (President Jefferson); Europe via Suez (Naldera); Outward for Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Naldera), 6 p.m.

Lammerts Auctions

March 16—At 3, Bowen-road, household furniture, from 11 a.m.

March 18—At 26, The Peak, Bishop Lodge, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Mar. 19-20—At Sales Room Curios, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sales

Mar. 18—At P.V.D. offices, two lots of Crown land at Shamshupo and Mongkok, respectively, 3 p.m.

Sports

March 18—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 3 p.m.

March 24—Fanning Hunt: Grand National Meeting.

Meetings

Mar. 16—Annual meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., Des Vaux-rd. Central, noon.

Mar. 18—Diocesan Conference, Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m.

Mar. 22—Annual meeting of shareholders of The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 26—Annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 27—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldg., noon.

Miscellaneous

Mar. 17—Concert in St. Patrick's Club, Garden-road, 9 p.m.

March 21—Concert, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 26—Annual Inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Murray Parade ground, 5.15 p.m.

Denmark & China

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A message from Nanking states that Mr. Thilitz, the Danish Charge d'Affaires, arrived from Peking this morning and called on Dr. C. T. Wang, and informed the Foreign Minister of the ratification by the Danish Government of the Sino-Danish Treaty, with an additional exchange of Notes, as required by the Legislative Yuan, which is expected shortly.—Reuter.

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"Madame Butterfly—Fantasia"
(Puccini).
Victor Symphony Orchestra.
"Reflections On The Water"
(Debussy).

"Song Of Love" (Stojowski).
Piano Solo, Ignace Jan Paderewski.
"Thinking Of You".
"Sunday".

Tenor, Gene Austin.
"Freischütz" (Weber).
Overture, San Francisco
Symphony Orchestra.

"Danny Deever".
"On The Road To Mandalay".
Baritone, Reinold Werrenrath.

"Wild Amongst The Trees".
Flute Solo, Clement Barone.
"At the Brook".

Violin, Cello and Harp,
Venetian Trio.
"Love's Sorrow" (Fritz Kreisler).
"Serenade" (Moszkowski).
San Francisco Symphony
Orchestra.

"Aubade" (Auber).
"So Blue" (Henderson).
"A Tree In The Park" (Rodgers).

Baritone, Melville Gideon.
"Some Day He'll Come" (from
"Madame Butterfly").
"My Name—Is Mimi" (from
"Bohème").

Soprano Lucresia Bori.
"The Flatterer" (Chaminade).
"Scarf Dance" (Chaminade).

Piano Solo, Hans Barth.
"Hamlet—Hamlet's Soliloquy".
"Henry VI—Gloucester's Solilo-
quy".

Dramatic Reading, John
Barrymore.
"Lohengrin—Prelude" (Wagner).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Serenade" (Schubert).
"Calm As The Night" (Bohm).
Contralto, Louise Homar.

"The Question".
"The Answer" (Wolstenholme).
Organ Solo, Reginald Gos-
tard.

"The Roast Beef Of Old England"
(Beck).
"There's Nothing Over Sixpence
In The Store".

Humorous, Ernest Hastings.
"Trovatore—Anvil Chorus"
(Verdi).
"Forge in the Forest" (Michaelis).

Arthur Pryor's Band.
"The Yeoman's Wedding".
"Out Of The Night".

Baritone, Percy Heming.
"Blue Skies" (Berlin).
"Falling In Love With You"
(Davis-Meyer).

Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.
"Absent" (Metcalfe).
"I Hear A Thrush At Eve" (Cad-
man).

Tenor, Derek Oldham.
"Joggin' Along The Highway".
"The Devout Lover".

Baritone, Percy Heming.
10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.
"Moonlight And Roses" (Black-
more).

"Because I Love You" (Berlin).
Victor Salon Orchestra.
"Aida—Grand March and Finale"
(Verdi).

"Aida—Introduction and Moorish
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10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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London, Yesterday.

Paris..... 125 1/2
New York..... 48 1/2
Brussels..... 34.55
Geneva..... 25.23

Amsterdam..... 12.11 1/2
Milan..... 92.62 1/2
Berlin..... 20.45 1/2

Stockholm..... 18.17
Copenhagen..... 18.21
Oslo..... 18.20

Vienna..... 34.56
Prague..... 164
Helsingfors..... 193

Madrid..... 33.02 1/2
Lisbon..... 108 1/2
Athens..... 875

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Buenos Aires..... 47.11/82

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It has been known for some time
past that several settlers in Canada,
Australia and Africa have relied
at times of emergency, on the
owners of private aeroplanes to
bring the doctor over to them from
the nearest township, writes an
air correspondent. Indeed, some
private owners in lonely places have
taken up flying largely for this very
purpose, but it has been left to a
member of the Suffolk and Eastern
Counties Aeroplane Club to fulfil a
similar errand of mercy in Eng-
land, and probably it constitutes
the first one on record.

This gallant airman was named
Schonfield and it seems, when a nasty
motor accident occurred near by
Hadleigh, and a driver was injured,
he dashed over to Norwich, got a
Dr. Sleigh to return with him and
so saved 20 minutes of valuable
time. As we progress, no doubt
aeroplanes will prove of invaluable
assistance to doctors in case of
similar casualties. Indeed, oddly
enough, every English light aero-
plane club already seems to number
medical men among its members.

The next class to take to the air
will be our professional politicians.
Anyway, Mr. Basil Murray who is
fighting Argyle at our Parliamen-
tary election this summer believes
that he will win the seat if he can
get some enthusiastic owner-pilot to
fly with him around the district, for
Argyle, for which he has been
adopted, consists of more than
forty islands, to say nothing of a
wide stretch of forbidding main-
land. That is why the local As-
sociation usually provides the can-
didate with a motor-boat, but
Mr. Murray thinks he will seem
twice as impressive to the crofters
if he descends on them like a
winged god from the air. Other
politicians should kindly note.

A stained glass window given by
Mr. Arthur Matthews, Cinque Ports
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memorate the 700th year of the
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P. & O. Bank..... \$94 n
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Insurance

Canton Insurance..... \$390 a
Union Insurance \$388 s 385/387 sa
North China Insurance..... \$1160 b

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H.K. Steamboats..... \$27 1/2 s
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Banquets..... \$24 b
Kallian Mining Ad..... \$7/8 n
Langkats (comb.)..... \$14 b

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Shanghai Explorations..... \$3 s
Shanghai Loans..... \$4 1/2 n

Raub's..... \$7.10 b
Tronoh Mines..... \$17/6 n
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H.K. & K. Wharves..... \$126 1/2 n
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Shanghai Docks \$116 1/2 b 117 sa

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[12.95/13.40 sa
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Shanghai Cottons (old)..... \$70 n
Shanghai Cottons (new)..... \$35 n

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H.K. & S. Hotels..... \$9.10 n
H.K. Lands..... \$63 1/2 b
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China Sugars..... \$1.10 s
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Canton Ices..... \$2 s
Cements (comb.)..... \$9.10 n
Cements (old)..... \$7.80 n

Cements (new)..... \$1.40 b
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LOCAL FOOTBALL FOR TO-MORROW

SHIELD TIES

NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS FOR SECOND ROUND

A FOOTBALLER'S DEATH

(By "Rover")

To-morrow the Second Round of the Hong Kong Shield will be decided as follows:

Division I.

Kick-off, 4.30 p.m.

Somerset Regiment v. R.A., Sookumpoo. Referee: Mr. Evans.
Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon, Club ground. Referee: M.A.A. Vosper, R.N.

South China v. Royal Navy, Caroline Hill. Referee: C.P.O. Cowans, R.N.
Club de Recreio v. Police, King's Park. Referee: Mr. Smart.

Division II.

Kick-off, 2.30 p.m.

Royal Navy v. Police, Caroline Hill. Referee: Pte. Lamb.
Somerset Regiment v. South China "B", Sookumpoo. Referee: Mr. Samy.

P.W.D. v. Chinese Athletic "B", Club ground. Referee: Sgt. Clark.
K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F., Kowloon F.C. Referee: Mr. Stokes.

League Division II.

Kick-off, 3.15 p.m.

R.A. v. Queen's, Chatham-road. Referee: Sgt. Grieve.
Club de Recreio v. Eastern, King's Park. Referee: Sgt. Bunting.

Hong Kong is favoured, as unless the Police return in time from their Shanghai tour, the whole of the Senior Shield ties will take place on the Hong Kong side of the water.

The tie at Sookumpoo will be very interesting as the "Somerset", our new Regiment who are taking over the Queen's fixtures, will have their first real trial of strength. The meeting with the R.A., who can produce a good side at full strength, should be productive of a fine match. The issue is doubtful although the R.A. have already beaten the Somersets in an Army Tie. Shield football is Cup football and the "Somersets" may spring a surprise, although on form so far R.A. should win especially if Sgt. Leach turns out to strengthen the attack.

The meeting of Kowloon and the Chinese Athletic is interesting owing to Kowloon's reputation as Shield fighters. Although the Athletic are going strong Kowloon have got together these last few weeks and will fully extend the Athletic. The home team will start favourites, but have worthy opponents. The Athletic should win, but they will need to be all out to do so. The loss of Robson to Kowloon is a big one. Kowloon have had very much losses of good players this season, but many of the young brigade are proving their worth in the Club's emergency.

The South China v. Royal Navy tie at Caroline Hill should be the big match of the day as the Navy are going strong and will be all out to repeat their former win—a decisive one—in the League a few weeks ago. South China's form lately has been variable, and injuries to players have weakened the side, but the reserves tried have given good shows in recent matches and the team is full of promise. The locals will give the Navy a much better game than on the last occasion, although the latter can command at the present time a strong side and should win. The match should be of the real Cup tie order and a good sporting one. Both teams are equally at home at Caroline Hill and both

have progressed in local "soccer" this season and improved their respective Clubs' reputations.

The Club de Recreio v. Police match at King's Park still may not be played unless the Police return to-day. This should be a great match, the Police winning on the last occasion of visiting King's Park by one goal to nil after a hard game. Although the Police are a good sound side I do not think that they will win through this tie. The Recreio at full strength on their own ground (as they will be in this match) are a good sound side I do not think that they will win through this tie. The Recreio at full strength on their own ground (as they will be in this match) are a good sound side I do not think that they will win through this tie.

The junior ties are full of interest. The Royal Navy should repeat their League successes, and secure this match, their opponents (the Police Reserves) not being good enough for the strong team which the Navy can field at present, the latter being very little below the standard of the First Division of the League. The "Somersets" will have to be nippy to beat the South China "B" at Sookumpoo. In fact, the locals should beat the Regiment unless the Somersets possess very capable Reserves. Chinese "B" should romp home against the P.W.D. Chinese in a local Derby, as the Chinese "B" are really the strong reserve side of the Athletic, and should go far in the competition. The K.O.S.B. should beat the R.A.F. in a good match and enter the semi-final.

The Shield in Hong Kong is like the English Cup—the big event of the season—and the writer hopes that the results will be in accordance with the run of play in all matches, which are billed for the full 45 minutes each way.

Jottings

Local footballers and the football community in general will mourn the death, killed under distressing circumstances in the "King Edward" fire, of Mr. D. J. Robson, the popular full back of Kowloon F.C. Mr. Robson during the past season has been a regular playing member at half-back and full back for Kowloon. He was a good footballer and a genuine sportsman on the playing field. He had been associated with local football only during the past season but latterly had played himself regularly into the first team, and was popular with his Clubmates and with all opponents. Mr.

Robson's death is a great loss to Kowloon football and sport in general and a big blow to many friends and admirers. A gentleman on and off the field and an example for all young footballers, the death of Mr. Robson leaves a big blank at Kowloon.

"Lolly" Goldman is back, again in Hong Kong and we look to a revival of the H.K.F.C. in their remaining League matches, also the strengthening of the "Rugger" side. Duty probably kept Goldman from an Interport cap this season, but should this popular player stop permanently in Hong Kong an Interport cap (Hong Kong) is a prospective certainty for one who has had most of the sporting honours which Shanghai can offer to date. We are glad to welcome Goldman back. We can do with many of his type.

Local footballers generally will be pleased to know that Captain Austin, M.M., M.C., R.A., the well known Army representative and referee, is progressing favourably after his rather serious mishap in the Seaplane reconnaissance during the week. Captain Austin has done much for Hong Kong football, particularly with regard to efficient refereeing, and can ill be spared from active duties. A speedy recovery and resumption of his former activities is hoped for, especially as the pending conclusion of the season promises many contests where his assistance can be ill spared.

WATSON SHIELD

Semi-Final Played At Shameen

In the semi-final of the football competition at Shameen for the Watson Shield, H.M.S. "Seamew" beat H.M.S. "Circaia" by three goals to nil. The game was marred by a large number of penalties, both sides handling the ball considerably. The "Seamew" scored their first goal early in the first half and netted another from a penalty kick. The third goal came from another penalty early in the second half.

The final will be between the Shameen Sports Club and H.M.S. "Seamew."

FLAT RACING

THE ENTRIES FOR HONG KONG MARATHON

This event, organised by the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, will take place to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. The race should be a very keen one, as, so far, 110 competitors have entered for it, and there may be several post entries just before the event.

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall has very kindly consented to distribute the Cups and prizes after the race.

Talking Over Plans for Bout



Jack Dempsey (left) and Young Stribling, photographed as they discussed details of that Sharkey-Stribling bout at Miami Beach, Fla. Both Sharkey and Stribling indulged in vigorous training for the fight, which Sharkey won.

HOME FOOTBALL

MATCH IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE

CHARLTON FALL AT HOME

London, Yesterday. In the Third Division of the League—Southern Section—Charlton, playing at home, were defeated by Bristol Rovers by two goals to one.—Reuter.

GOLF

OFFICIAL STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting times for Sunday:—

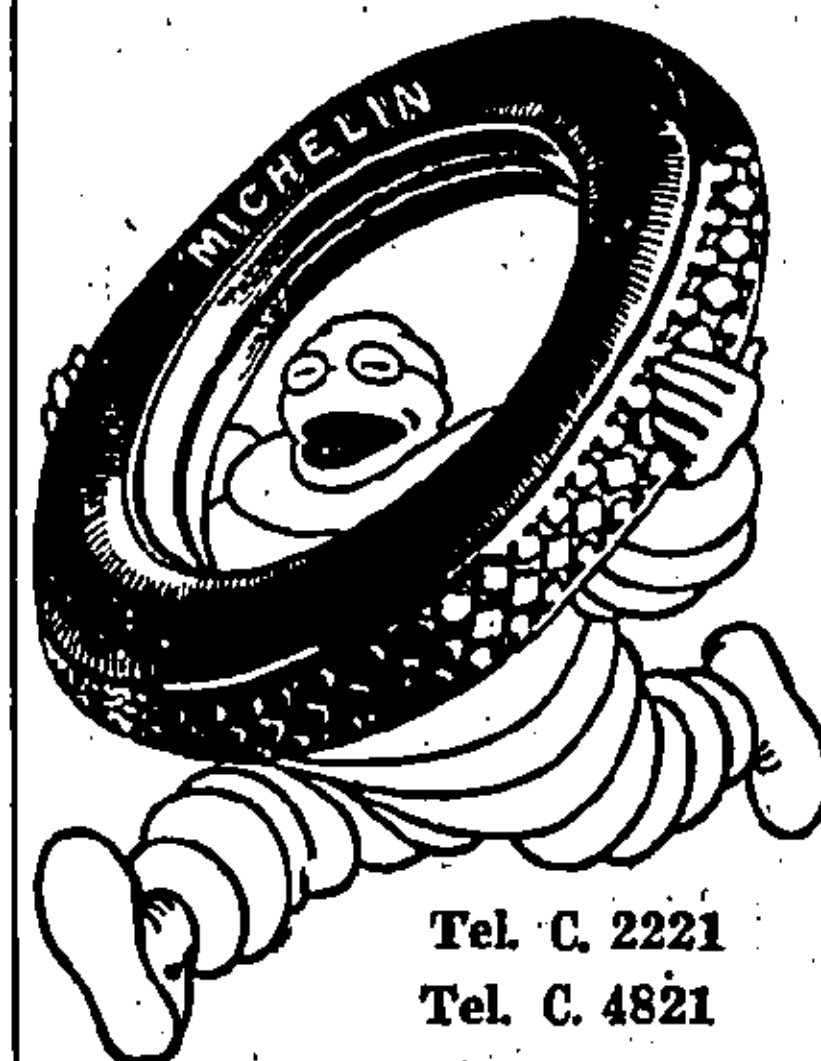
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9.04	J. Morris, J. E. Dovey.
9.12	T. Ramsay, J. Smith.
9.28	B. D. F. Beith, V. M. Grayburn.
9.32	R. E. Coxon, W. J. Clerk.
9.36	L. C. P. Rees, C. Mycock.
9.40	D. M. Goodall, A. Macfarlane.
9.44	R. Sutherland, S. J. Fox.
9.48	E. B. Clarke, R. A. Stuart.
9.52	E. J. Edwards, S. T. Butlin.
9.56	J. S. MacLaren, G. W. Sewell.
10.00	C. Bulmer Johnson, E. D. Lawrence.
10.04	A. B. Purves, K. S. Robertson.
10.08	F. A. Redmond, E. des Voeux.
10.12	D. J. Gilmore, H. U. Ireland.
10.16	W. D. Brown, J. Cameron.
10.20	H. H. Lennox, E. D. Black.
10.24	R. E. Macdougall, J. H. Raikes.
10.28	W. D. Fiddes Wilson, R. A. Green.
10.32	W. B. Cornaby, M. C. Mills.
10.36	J. Wright, S. S. Perry.
10.40	H. G. Howard, D. S. Edward.
10.44	F. M. Walker, F. M. Ellis.
10.48	W. J. S. Key, C. J. Waddell.
10.52	Col. Bostock, T. G. Bennett.
10.56	Major Beamish, F. A. Merry.
11.00	C. E. Holmes, A. B. Raworth.
11.04	H. Bloxham, N. L. Smith.
11.08	A. H. Ferguson, Comdr. Hutchins.
11.12	A. D. Humphreys, E. C. Frederick.
11.16	J. D. Kinnaird, K. S. Morrison.
11.20	W. M. Reeves, B. H. C. Hallows.
11.24	A. G. Coppin, A. D. Coppin.
11.28	I. H. Geare, K. E. Greig.
11.32	H. A. Lammert, E. P. Fletcher.
11.36	A. W. Hay-Edie, H. J. Armstrong.
11.40	G. E. Ellams, J. Coulthart.
11.44	N. K. Littlejohn, C. B. Brown.
11.48	R. K. Hepburn, J. Thayer.
11.52	T. S. Whyte-Smith, A. E. Lissaman.
11.56	A. C. Brawn, A. Leach.
12.00 p.m.	K. L. Dugan, D. Ellis.
12.04	W. L. Dunbar, O. E. C. Marton.
12.08	J. P. Warren, H. Spicer.
12.12	G. S. Mitchell, Comdr. Taylor.
12.16	B. D. Evans, S. Berg.
12.20	B. J. Lacom, F. H. Swayne.
12.24	A. J. P. Heard, N. H. Procter.
12.28	D. S. Newbigging, R. P. Moodie.
12.32	R. Gordon, E. P. Streetfield.
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The matches played yesterday in the H.K.C.C. tournament resulted in every case according to expectation.

In the open singles both S. A. Rumjahn and E. C. Fincher entered the next round by easily defeating Luk Ding-cheung and R. M. Henderson, respectively.

The full results follow:—
Open Singles: E. C. Fincher beat R. M. Henderson 6-0, 6-4, 6-0; S. A. Rumjahn beat Luk Ding-cheung 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Handicap Singles: A. Piercy beat C. H. Bradley 6-3, 6-4.
Handicap Doubles: C. W. E. Bishop and W. Woodward beat R. P. Moodie and M. D. Scott, 6-3, 6-2; H. J. Armstrong and J. G. Lawrie beat A. Reid and J. A. Summers 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; G. N. de Man and C. Stigter beat H. Graves and C. L. Sandes 8-6, 6-4.

Club Championship: G. W. Sewell beat R. K. Valentine, 6-1, 6-2.
Mixed Doubles: E. R. Price and Miss Moffatt beat Col. and Mrs. Wyatt, 7-5, 6-2.

BOAT RACE

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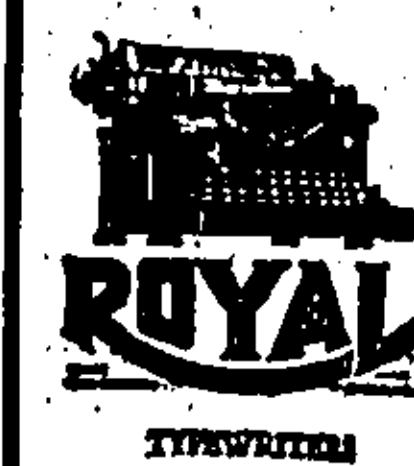
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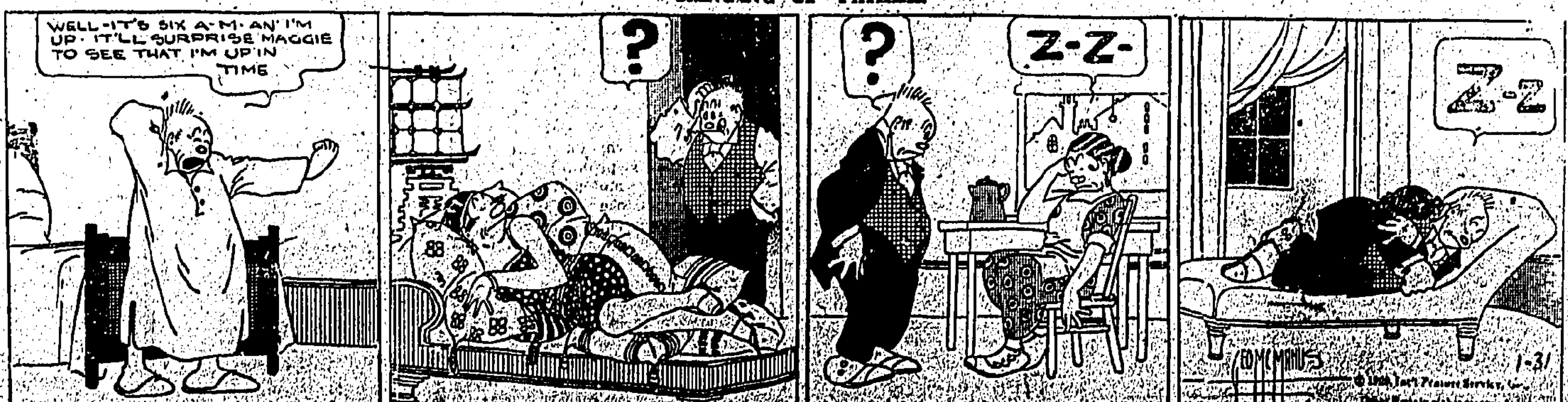
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Latest Photo of Doorn Exiles



The ex-Kaiser of Germany, photographed with his wife, the "Empress" Hermine, and the latter's daughter, Henrietta—"the General"—and the All-Highest's favourite dog in the groups of Doorn Castle. The informal group portrait was made just prior to observance of the exile's seventieth birthday.

Ambassador?



An unconfirmed report from London has it that Sir Eric Drummond (above), secretary-general of the League of Nations, may be appointed British Ambassador to Washington in the event of Sir Esme Howard retiring.

Royal Honeymooners



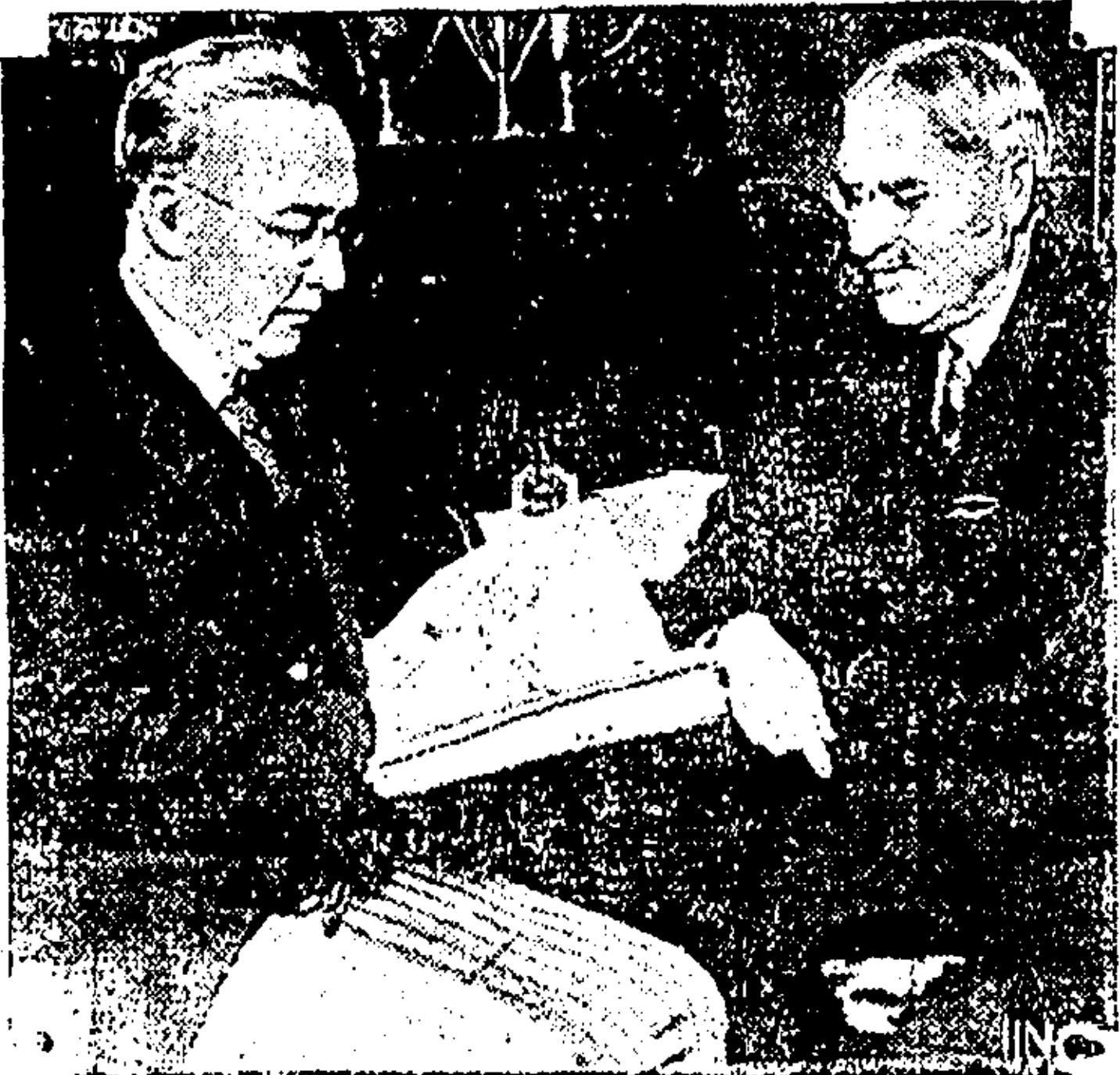
Count Folke Bernadotte, nephew of the king of Sweden, and his wife, the former Miss Estelle Manville, of Pleasantville, N.Y., heiress to the asbestos millions, upon their arrival in Stockholm, Sweden. To the left is Prince Oscar Bernadotte, father of the bridegroom and a brother of King Gustaf.

"Stella Maris" Case



Capt. Smith and the wife who divorced him as an aftermath of the famous "Stella Maris" case. Top, fragment of a letter Smith wrote to sportsman who was murdered in his Herne Bay home.

Big Church Merger



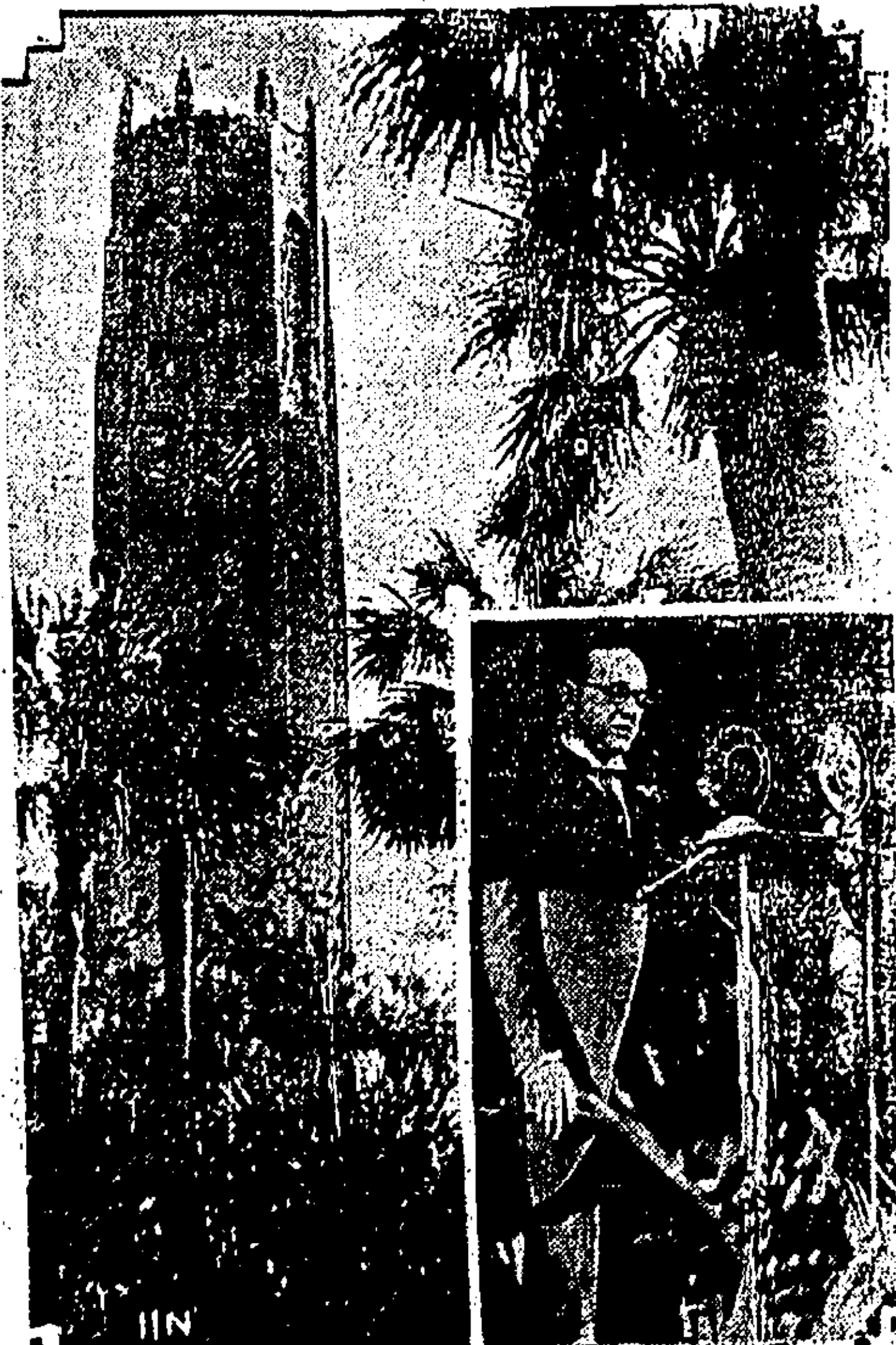
Leaders of Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal denominations are discussing informally a merger of these two great Protestant churches at Pittsburgh. Dr. Lewis Mudge, left, clerk of general assembly of the Presbyterian church, and Dr. Eugene M. Antrim, secretary of Methodist Episcopal committee on relations with other denominations, discuss ways and means of bringing about the proposed merger.

Swallows Tooth



Eleven-year-old Esther Elizabeth Great, of Philadelphia, shown after she arrived at Cranioscopic Department of Graduate Hospital for removal of a tooth from her lung.

Coolidge Dedicates Singing Tower



The "singing tower" which was presented to the American people by Edward W. Bok, of Philadelphia, for the dedication of which President Coolidge made a special trip to Florida. The tower, topped by the largest carillon in the country, is located at Mountain Lakes, Fla. Inset, the President delivering his dedicatory address.

Dies in Italy



Lady Elizabeth Carnarvon, widow of Lord Carnarvon and sister of Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador at Washington, who, according to reports from Italy, died after a lingering illness near Naples. Her explorer-husband was associated with Howard Carter, American scientist, in discovery of tomb of King Tut-Ach-Amen, in Egypt, over the entrance to which was graven a prediction of death for those who might open the vaults.

The "Happy Warrior" in Florida



Pars have replaced speeches in the life of former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, defeated candidate for the presidency. He's shown in the picture, playing a particularly good putt on the beautiful La Gorge golf links at Miami Beach, Fla.

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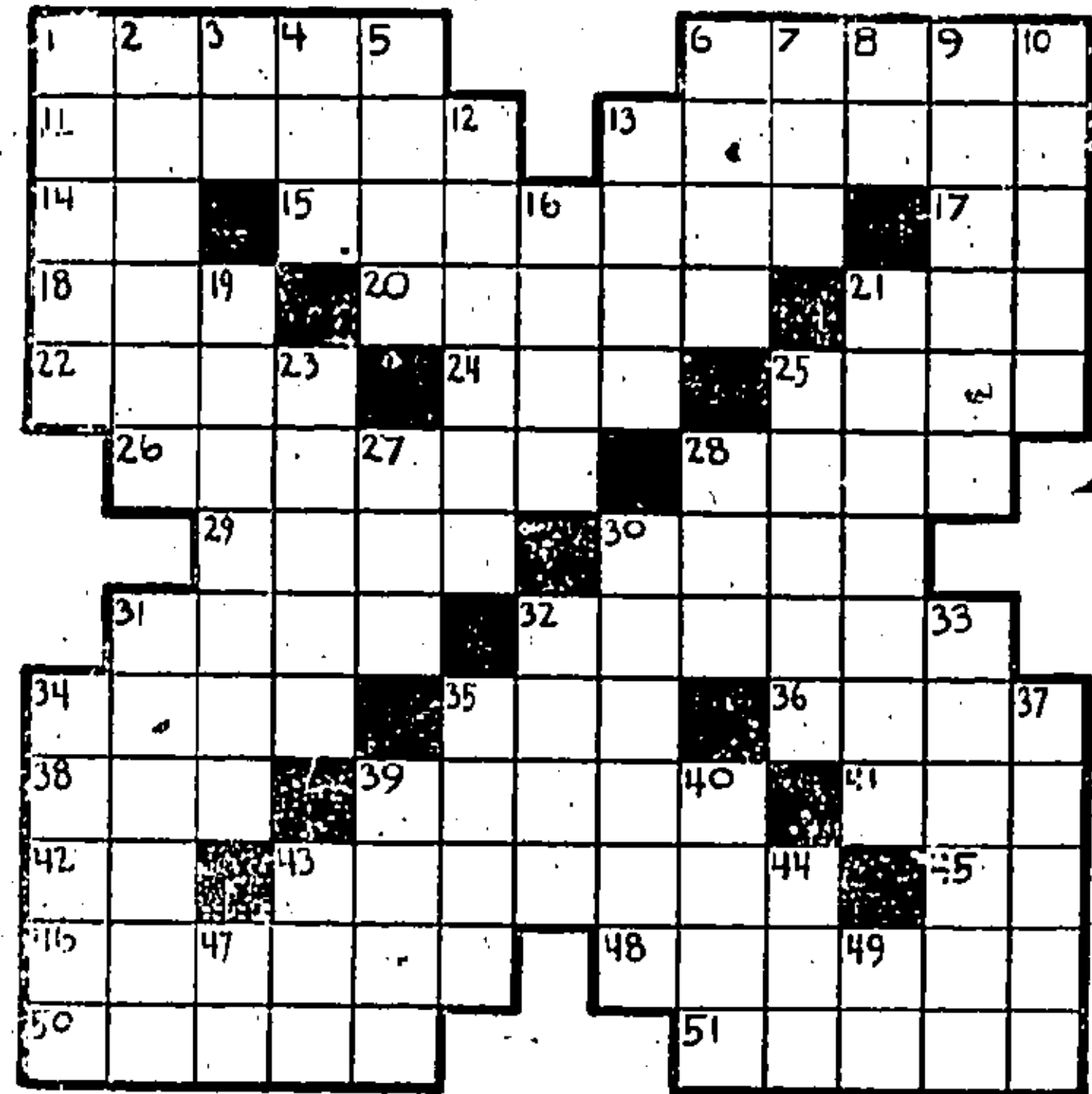
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Wire rope
- 6—Artless
- 11—Dreams
- 13—Occultist
- 14—Accomplish
- 15—Protected invention
- 17—Negative
- 18—Sin
- 20—Part of a church (pl.)
- 21—Secreted
- 22—Kind of dance
- 24—Little mound
- 25—Fancy stitches
- 26—More leisurely
- 28—Article of apparel
- 29—Fills with dread
- 30—Lighting device
- 31—Let it stand
- 32—Tip
- 33—Mind
- 35—Shanty
- 36—Frozen rain

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38—Printer's measure (pl.)
- 39—Exhausted
- 41—Title
- 42—Public notice (abbr.)
- 43—Ringlets of hair
- 45—Thus
- 46—Depended
- 48—Kind of valve
- 50—Part of a harness
- 51—Uplift

VERTICAL

- 1—A beverage
- 2—Loves
- 3—Exit
- 4—Lick up
- 5—Dash
- 6—Insect eggs
- 7—Bilky person
- 8—Exits
- 9—Italian city
- 10—Wear away

VERTICAL (Cont.)

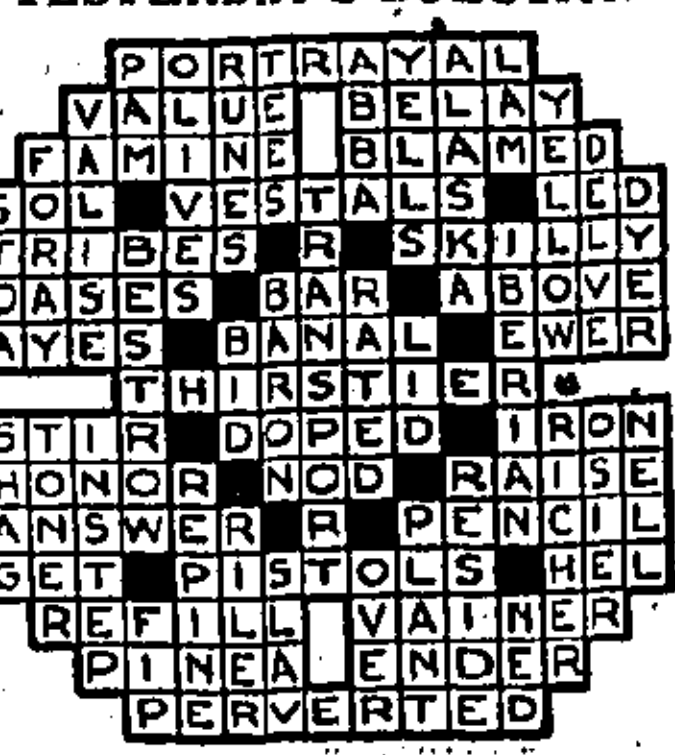
- 12—Avers
- 13—Part of the leg
- 16—Always
- 19—Tells
- 21—Occurs
- 23—Moored
- 25—Makes limp
- 27—Damp
- 28—Conveyance
- 30—Most recent
- 31—Transmitter
- 32—Tramp dogs
- 33—Rackets
- 34—Core
- 35—Hastened
- 37—Inscribed
- 38—Woody plant
- 40—Expensive
- 42—Muscular affliction
- 44—Watering place
- 47—Musical note
- 49—Mixed type

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



About 10,000 people lined the route of the funeral procession at Bournemouth of Florence Arthur Giles and Dennis Watts, victims of a fire engine accident.

Lady Maybury, wife of Sir Henry Maybury, until recently Director-General of Roads, Ministry of Transport, has died at her home at Greenhills, Kent.



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ON CRITICISM

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THE PERSONAL FACTOR

[By Sydney W. Carroll]

The unhappy variance between authors and critics appears perpetual and obstinate. Mr. Pemberton Billing is the latest playwright furiously to rage against present-day dramatic criticism. Labouring, apparently, under a feeling of personal grievance at what he terms the "cynicism" displayed by certain prominent critics in their notices of his recent play, "High

sentative from "Cook's." His judgment, his experience, his culture may be used to ventilate his own opinions. They must not be employed to dictate to others, only to reason with them.

There are three kinds of dramatic critic—the destructive, the constructive, and those who combine the qualities of both. As there are no fixed standards by which we can judge either plays or acting, and as no laws, regulations, or observations registered in any book or document exist which would enable a critic to be infallible, the would-be authority can only be guided by his own individual experiences, coloured as they are by prejudices. For I defy any man who has spent a reasonable amount of time in the theatre watching plays and acting



Madge Bellamy and James Hall in "Silk Legs," William Fox attraction—at Queen's Theatre, March 17 and 18.

Treason," Mr. Billing has made a courageous, if violent, attack upon the alleged ignorance, incompetence, and flippancy of most of the well-known dramatic critics of the day. He has, as an alternative and corrective, quite seriously proposed the installation of an Applause-graph machine to be fitted up in every part of the theatre for the purpose of registering accurately the approval or disapproval of that part of the house by a mechanical process. "As I pointed out to him at the time, this suggestion of his provided no safeguard against the machinations of unscrupulous theatre managers who might be tempted, were such a machine installed, to arrange for claqueurs or gangs of applauders to drown any disapproval independent people might wish to register. Moreover,

to be free from prejudice of some kind or another.

Effect On The Victim

Criticism is simply the reaction of one active mind upon the work of another. For that reason it should never be anonymous. It should be creative in its tendencies and merely analytical, condemnatory, or approving. People find fault with some dramatic critics on the ground that they are ignoramuses, that they have often little knowledge of grammar, less knowledge of the theatre, and no knowledge at all of life.

The theatre-going public, however, is a good judge of criticism and puts its own proper valuation upon each commentator. It does not, believe me, attach importance to criticism by unimportant writers.

During the last fortnight I have been distressed to find certain actresses of my acquaintance more or less broken-hearted at what they considered the ruinously unfair criticisms they had received from critics in the London Press. In each case the artiste had been thrown into a state of depression and almost despair not because of the considered judgments of critics who mattered but through some hurried scribbles from the pens of casuals engaged on journals more intent upon news-gathering than upon a serious study of the stage.

I am all for intelligent and sympathetic dramatic criticism. I do not think we can have too much of the higher form of comment, but the criticised must never take it too seriously. They must not allow themselves to be unduly excited or depressed by it. Plays praised beyond measure by the critics have failed to last three weeks with the public. Pieces damned by all critics unanimously have succeeded in running for years, not that this success was a criterion of their true value. No opinion matters unless it is valued by yourself as coming from one who should know.

Following Criticism

When I read dramatic criticism I need to know who my critic is before I can attach importance to his opinions. When the critic represents our own standpoint, and reflects more or less our own attitude of mind towards the broad facts of life, he is our man. Only by following closely the work of a critic and by ascertaining whether his views are in sympathy with our own can we decide whether to accept those views or not. Where taste is concerned, there is so much room for differences, it is vitally important that the critics should have similar ideas if we are to follow his verdicts.

The main thing about all dramatic criticism should be that it shall be scrupulously and meticulously honest. It must be a disinterested, fair, frank, and fearless expression of the critic's views.

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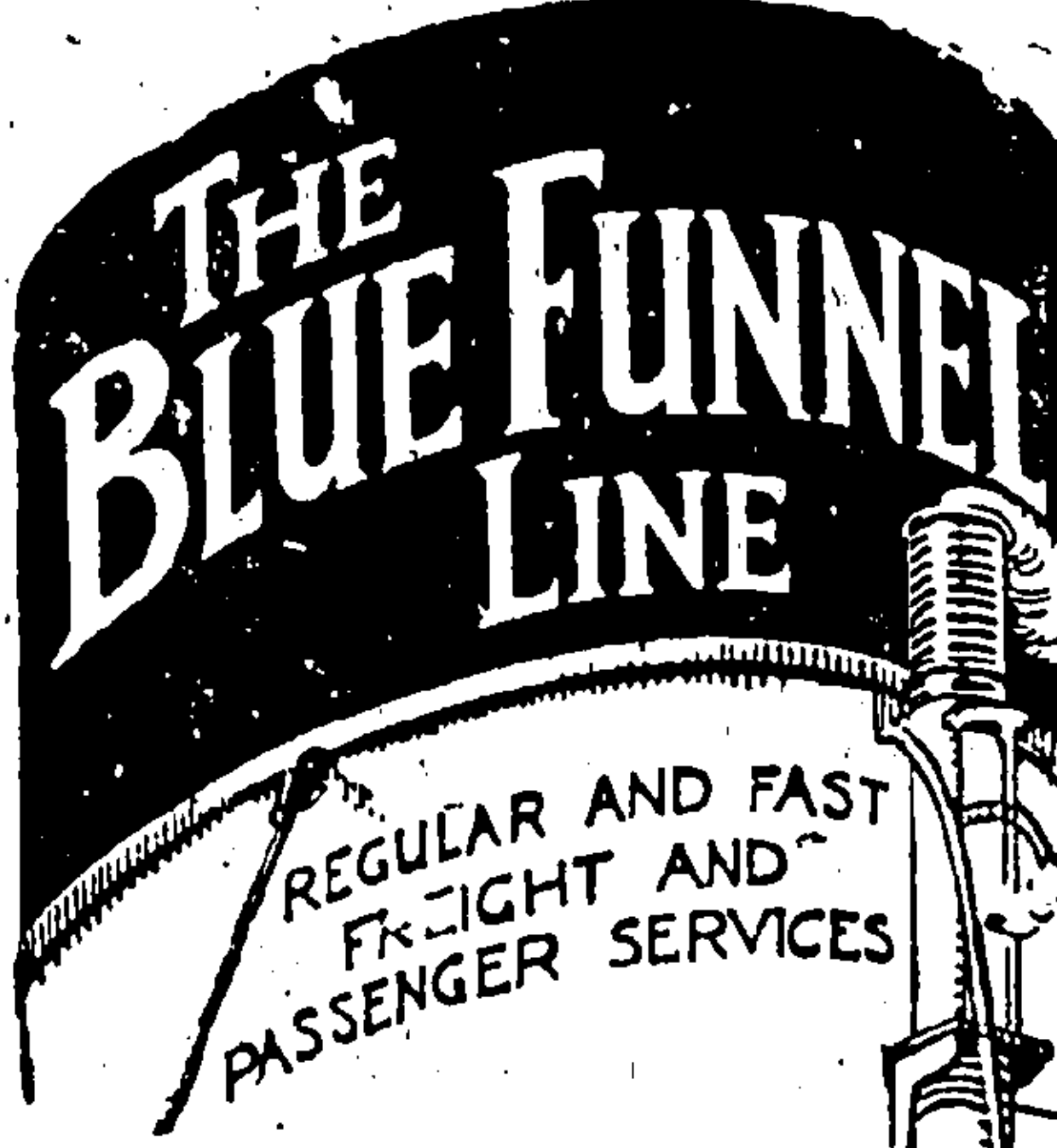
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LIST OF VESSELS EXPECTED TO BE IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG TO-DAY.

Shansi, Newchwang, Khiva, Porthos, Hupeh, President Jefferson, Naldara, Tjikarang, Kongning, Menado Maru, Cremer.

It is hereby notified that on and after 15th March the rates for radio telegrams from Hong Kong to the undermentioned places in the Kwangtung provinces (except Canton) will be as follows:—
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	FRIDAY, MARCH 15.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London, 18th-22nd Feb.	Khiva	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London, 23rd Feb.	President Jefferson	
Shanghai and Swatow	Ichang	
Manila	Empress of Asia	
Straits	Fooksang	
Manila	Kitano Maru	
Shanghai	President McKinley	
Japan	Patroclus	
	Tango Maru	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	FRIDAY, MARCH 15.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.
Japan	Naldara	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		
Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	Naldara	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th Apr. K.P.O. Parcels (Mar. 16) 4.30 p.m. Registration (Mar. 16) 9 a.m. Letters (Mar. 16) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels (Mar. 16) 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 16) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 16) 10.30 a.m.	Khiva	
Saturday, March 16.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Hosang	
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Havenstein	3.30 p.m.
Manila	President Jefferson	4.30 p.m.
Japan	Fook Sang	5 p.m.
Amoy	Hupeh	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Dalny	Kiukiang	6 p.m.
Sunday, March 17.		
Sandakan	Hinsang	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	9 a.m.
Monday, March 18.		
Haiphong	Teau	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	4.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

HEAVY FLOODS IN AMERICA
BIG LOSSES
TRAINS WRECKED AND FOUR VILLAGES INUNDATED
THE MISSISSIPPI PATROL
New York, Yesterday.
Heavy floods in Alabama and Georgia have been responsible for two train wrecks, the inundation of four villages and the extensive dislocation of traffic.
The rain is likely to continue for another 24 hours and Federal engineers have been ordered to be careful as to the patrolling of the levels of the Mississippi and to be on the look out for weak places.
The Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has risen over 35 feet daily.
Thousands of acres of rich land have been flooded and in the town the streets are under a foot of water.—Reuter.

SESSIONS CASES
FIVE CASES IN THE MARCH CALENDAR
ALL BEFORE PUISNE JUDGE
Five cases are down for hearing in the March Criminal Sessions, which open at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. on Monday. All will be heard by his Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood).
Of, perhaps, primary interest, is the case concerning the allegedly forged scrip for 500 shares in Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., which, at the time of being made public, created a sensation.
Two prisoners, Chan Fuk and Pun Pui, are concerned. There are five counts in the indictment, including those of conspiracy to commit an offence punishable by law, conspiracy to defraud, uttering forged documents (Pun Pui only), being an accessory before the fact (Chan Fuk only) and possession of the alleged forged share scrip.

"King's Current Coins"
Lin Kong and Kwan Ping are charged with possessing on January 28, 1929, moulds for coining "the apparent resemblance of both sides of the King's current coins" and possession of five and ten cent pieces with intent to utter.
The other three are robbery cases, as follows:—
Li Yuen: robbery by two or more at a Chinese doctor's office, No. 53, Jervois-street, on the day before China New Year.
Ho Chok-lam and Leung Ching: robbery by two or more at Mong-kok on February 4, 1929.
Ho Mun-to and Ho Yee (an amah) robbery by two or more at Shamshuipo on February 8, 1929; and Ho Mun-to is also charged with robbery.

STILL WORKING
KING EDWARD HOTEL FIRE DEBRIS
GEN. CHAN'S VISITORS
Work by the Building Authority's contractor continues at the King Edward Hotel. The debris is still being turned over, but no discovery was made this morning.
Among the "high" officials who have come down from Canton to visit General Chan Mings-shu, chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, who, with his wife, was injured in the disaster, was General Cheung Wai-chung, Director of Aviation at Canton, and the officer who made the first cross-country flight in China.
General Chan has been able to write letters to his political col-

FAIR WEATHER
The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning states:—
The Japanese depression is moving into the Pacific.
The anticyclone central to the South of Shanghai has weakened and spread eastward.
Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.
Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

SEAMAN KISH
Funeral Held To-day
The funeral of Seaman Stephen Kish, of the U.S.S. "Memphis," took place at one o'clock to-day.
The United States Consul-General was prevented from being present, but was represented by Consul John J. Muccio.
MR. ENOS SETH
Large Attendance at the Funeral
The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, of Mr. Enos Seth, another of the victims of the fire at King Edward Hotel.
The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. Hennessy Seth and Mr. Harold Seth, cousins of the deceased.
The burial service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Fr. F. Novak, of the Spanish Mission, assisted by other priests of the Italian Mission and the Cathedral Seminary. The service was a choral one.
There was a large attendance.
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LONDON - CAPETOWN AIR SERVICE
NEGOTIATIONS
SIR S. HOARE TELLS M.P.'S. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE
OFFERS OF CO-OPERATION
London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, announced that the negotiations with the various African Governments, particularly with the Union Government, for the inception of a weekly Air Service from London to Capetown had been brought to a successful issue.
The South African Government had expressed its willingness "substantially to contribute towards the expenses for a period of five years and to render full support and co-operation of the scheme."
The other administrations concerned with the Sudan, Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda had also offered to contribute.—Reuter.

of sympathisers, including Messrs. E. J. Ainslie, A. Stevenson, D. L. McWhirter, and E. Hsieh, Major F. R. Roche-Kelly, Messrs. J. Gubbay, L. E. Lammert, G. P. Lammert, H. A. Lammert, E. Humphreys, Henry Humphreys, J. D. Humphreys, A. D. Humphreys, A. T. Hamilton, J. T. Bagram, C. G. Gregory, D. H. Cooper, H. M. H. Nemaze, J. H. Witchell, U. Tsamtacopoulos, J. Joseph, A. C. Gonnella, A. A. Alves, J. Gould, A. C. Botelho, and R. W. Lee-Jones, Capt. A. M. Thornhill, Messrs. D. Clark, G. A. Harriman, Edgar Wright, H. J. Pearce, H. Gregory, T. M. Gregory, E. Grossman, E. M. Raymond, M. Montargis, A. Nissim, V. Benjamin, and G. Rapp. There were also present Messrs. Chan Chew, Chan Yin and Fok Kwan-tit, of Messrs. Himly and Company, and other members of the staff; Mr. Wong, compradore of Messrs. Watson and Company, Mr. Tam Wing-kwong of Messrs. Ip Tak and Company, and Mr. F. X. Sousa.
The numerous wreaths included the following:—From Charles, Daphne and mother; Phyllis; Auntie and cousins; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Seth; Mr. Harold Seth; Phyllis and Mack; Seth and Nella; Irquai; Bertie, Class and Ian; Mabel and Douglas; Bertie, Florence and Alfred; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seth. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bagram, H. M. Gregory, Hampden Ross, T. M. Gregory, H. Odell, Ezra Abraham, E. M. Raymond, Joseph Gould, E. J. Ainslie, E. Grossman, Sverre Berg, C. P. Marcel, L. E. Lammert, A. E. Wright, G. W. C. Burnett, A. T. Hamilton, A. H. Potts, H. E. Goldsmith, A. V. Apar, M. J. Patell, S. S. Perry, Lambert Dunbar, C. Mancini, G. A. Harriman, Geo. Grimbly, G. Aurely, and U. C. Geluzzi.
Lady Chater, Mr. M. Manuk, Miss M. Manuk, Mrs. Helena Percy, Mrs. Well and family, Miss E. Ellis and Mr. Felix M. Ellis, Miss Gubbay, and Messrs. A. and J. Gubbay, Mr. L. J. and Miss E. B. Blackburn, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.C., Messrs. J. Witchell, John Arnold, A. H. Humphreys, J. D. Humphreys, Henry Humphreys, Ernest Humphreys, H. L. Fletcher, V. J. Benjamin, J. E. Joseph, A. C. Botelho, H. M. H. Nemaze, G. K. Hall Bruton, P. C. Potts, G. Rapp, F. X. Sousa, George and Geoffrey Lammert, M. J. B. Montargis, A. Nissim, U. Gonnella, D. Clark, H. A. de B. Botelho, R. Pestonji, G. E. Ellama, W. G. Goggin, Norman Sargant, J. A. Tarrant, J. Joseph, R. W. Lee-Jones, F. Carr, C. Stewart, W. Anderson, W. C. Lee, Ho Kwong, J. M. Wong, M. Nemaze, Chan Chew and Chan Yin, Sik Nung and Fai Fung, Hia Seng-yick, Fok Kwan-tit, Ho Ki, M. Alley, Ho Wing, staff of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming; Himly Company and staff; Humphreys Estate and Finance Company Ltd.; Edward, Whelan and Sons Ltd.; Oriental Commercial Co.; and the "China Mail."

HUMAN GOVERNMENT
Shanghai, Yesterday.
A Chungsha message reports that it is stated the entire Human Provincial Government Committee tendered its resignation; on Feb. 12, the Hu-Han Divisional Political Council yesterday.
No reason is given for the action.—Reuter.

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